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Dear Parents,

I last updated you about our merger and move to the new campus in the Easter newsletter. Please find the May update below.

CULZEAN PS & EYC UPDATE

Uniform

The colours of Culzean Primary's uniform were chosen by the pupils. The preferred colours are dark grey with a purple trim and purple badge. There has been a delay in manufacturing the badge however we hope to agree the sample this week. We will keep you informed about when it will be ready to buy on line and in the BE Schoolwear shop in Dalblair Road, Ayr.

South Ayrshire Council has bought every pupil of Culzean Primary a new school tie and these will be given out at the end of term. The local authority also recognises the current cost of living challenges and intends to purchase a new Culzean jumper for every child. Sizes will be available to try before we place the order. Details will follow.

Every child should wear school uniform every day however on their designated PE days we ask that they arrive ready for the day wearing their PE kit. PE kit will be a white polo shirt and black shorts, leggings or joggers, along with trainers.

We are very excited and proud to be moving in to our new school and we look forward to wearing our new uniform with pride too.

School Day

You will recall that we asked parents' views on changing the times of the school day. We listened to all views and while 50% of parents who responded were happy to change times, it would have caused challenges for the remainder.

The school day will therefore remain 9.00am – 3.00pm.

Plans for the children's first day in Culzean, Thursday 24th August, have still to be finalised. We intend to have a rolling start on the first day to allow the children to familiarise themselves with their classroom and the school building. Details will follow.

School Travel Plan

A travel plan is currently being drawn up by a consultant. This plan will advise on modes of transport to get to Culzean PS and EYC and what routes to follow on site to arrive at the school and nursery entrance. Again, details will follow.

Classes

We have had many merger activities during the year, bringing children from both schools together in their stages. New friendships have been formed and children are familiar with some staff from Cairn and Gardenrose. Merger Fridays have recently been taking place which have allowed us to observe the children mixing in a classroom situation. We hope to have decided on classes for next session by the end of May.

We will receive enhanced staffing in session 2023/24 to support the merger. In August we intend to have 14 classes, 2 at each stage. The classes will be a mix of Cairn and Gardenrose pupils. The

smaller classes will allow the children to get to know their new classmates and new teaching and support staff. This arrangement will be for one year only.

Staffing

The local authority staffing exercise is underway. As yet, we do not know who many of our teachers will be, other than permanent staff. It may be June before I am able to confirm your child's teacher.

Culzean Values

Following consultation with staff, pupils, parents and partners within the campus, Culzean PS & EYC values will be

Respect

Honesty

Kindness

Resilience

All schools in the campus will have the motto ***“Learning Together at the heart of the community”***.

Staff will teach our pupils about our values and their meaning during term 4. We hope that all stakeholders; staff, pupils and parents, will 'live and breath' our Culzean values to ensure that our new school is a safe, positive and inclusive environment.

We are aware that as we approach the end of this session, parents will have many questions. We have created a MS Form to allow you to ask questions that will be on many parent's minds.

Please click on this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TZC8Tujs6P>

We will respond by sending out a FAQ message every week.

Yours sincerely

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