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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement from the Depute First Minister, Mr John Swinney, and the letter from our Director, Douglas Hutchison, we are now in a position to be able to share with you our updated return to school plan. Please note, this is subject to guidance from the Scottish Government and is assuming the virus continues to be supressed on our return in August.

As previously intimated, ***staff*** will return to school on ***Tuesday 11th August 2020***.  This will be an in-service day. Some of our pupils will return from Wednesday 12th August.

To allow pupils the time and support required to settle back into school following the lengthy closure, there will be a phased return for all pupils between Wednesday 12th and Friday 15th of August.

During **week one only** we will operate the following *soft-start* and *transition week*:

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| **MONDAY****10 AUGUST** | **TUESDAY****11 AUGUST** | **WEDNESDAY****12 AUGUST** | **THURSDAY****13 AUGUST** | **FRIDAY****14 AUGUST** |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY | IN-SERVICE DAY | **Group A** PupilsEYC + School**P1 Soft Start** as per previous letter times (no change) | **Group B** PupilsEYC + School**P1 Soft Start** as per previous letter times(no change) | **EYC Pupils Only Group A**9.30am – 12.00pm**EYC Pupils Only Group B**12.30pm – 3.00pm |

**Please see updated information below for our P1 starts and our Early Years Centre.**

**Early Years**

The safety and wellbeing of children, parents, carers and staff is our absolute priority. The current guidance from Scottish Government remains unchanged for Early Years Centres. Physical distancing measures mean that fewer children will be able to attend, however once restrictions are lifted, we are confident that we will be able to deliver more hours to children and families. Schools and Early Years Centres will communicate to parents any changes to current guidance at the earliest opportunity.

**Primary One**

The aim is that all pupils will return to schools full time on Monday 17th August. We understand that parents of Primary One children may **choose** that their children **attend mornings only** to help them to settle into the new environment. Schools will support parents who wish their Primary One child to attend mornings only during August.

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From ***Monday 17th August, all pupils will then return to school full time***. The health and wellbeing of all pupils, staff and the wider community continues to be a priority. We will therefore continue to operate a staggered start and exit, as per guidance, which will comply with the current health and safety guidance in place, in terms of hand washing and sanitising on entry to the school building. We are still **limiting adults in the school playground** as per our original guidance. We will also continue with our previous arrangements for staggered breaks and lunches. There will be no requirement for children to physically distance from one another, in line with government guidance. Physical distancing will still be required for all adults.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we work to plan our safe return in line with the latest government guidance.

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you safe and well in August.

Yours faithfully



**June Stefani**

**Head Teacher**