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Dear Parents & Carers,

### **Maybole Community Campus – Delayed Opening – Monday 28 August 2023**

Unfortunately following discussions the Council has held with the project delivery partner hub Southwest, and their main Contractor for the Campus, Morgan Sindall, we have been informed that the building will not be ready for pupils on Thursday 24 August 2023.

To give time to complete final aspects of Health & Safety compliance and certification, as a precaution, the Campus will now open for learning and teaching on Monday 28 August 2023 **for primary and secondary pupils.**

Children due to attend Culzean Primary Early Years Centre should continue to attend the Gardenrose PS or Cairn PS EYC between Monday 28 August and Friday 01 September 2023. Culzean PS Early Years Centre will open within the new Campus on Monday 04 September 2023.

I am aware that the additional two days of school closure will cause an inconvenience to families, however, the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff will always be the Council's top priority and the Campus needs to be fit for purpose.

In appreciation of the inconvenience to families, and in order to minimise disruption, the Council will be offering a childcare provision for those families who are not able to make alternative childcare arrangements on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 August 2023.

Childcare provision will be available between 9am and 3pm in Gardenrose and Cairn Primary Schools and is available to all children up to the age of 12 years including St Cuthbert's PS pupils.

Childcare arrangements for secondary aged pupils may be agreed in individual circumstances - please contact the Carrick Academy Senior Leadership Team to discuss these.

If you would like your child or children to attend, please complete and submit a childcare form through the following link by Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at 1pm;

[Maybole Community Campus - Childcare Hub \(office.com\)](#)

For Thursday 24 and Friday 25 August 2023, primary and secondary schools will also provide information to families on learning activities that can be completed at home.

I am also aware that, on these two additional closure days, free school meals will be required by many of the young people affected by the delayed opening of the Campus. As such, families entitled to means tested free school meals will receive a payment for every eligible school pupil affected by the additional two days of closure.

The Council have been given assurances this afternoon from the Contractor that the building will be ready to welcome primary and secondary pupils on Monday 28 August 2023, with the Early Years Centre ready by Monday 04 September 2023.

Opening day arrangements for primary and secondary pupils, including access/egress routes and travel/parking information are as communicated previously.

For the first two days of the Campus opening to primary and secondary pupils (now Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August), the school meal provision will be limited to soup and a sandwich (cheese or turkey), a bottle of water and a piece of fruit. Alternatively, and if preferred, young people can bring their own packed lunch to school.

If any young person who wishes to take a school meal on these two days has a special diet plan in place, and they require a particular sandwich filling, we would ask that, if Parents and Carers have not already done so, our catering teams are notified of this, no later than 12pm on Friday 25 August 2023. Special dietary requests, including the young person's name and school should be sent to [catering@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:catering@south-ayrshire.gov.uk).

A full school meal provision will be available from Wednesday 30 August 2023.

The Council's Educational Services appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of transition into the new Campus.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Cockburn', written in a cursive style.

Gavin Cockburn  
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