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Dear Parents and Carers

**End of the School Year Letter to Parents and Carers**

1. **Introduction**

On Friday 26 June, Mrs. Budge, the Director of Children’s Services, wrote to you to confirm the Scottish Government’s announcement on Tuesday 23 June that, providing coronavirus continues to be suppressed, and it is safe to do so, all local authorities in Scotland should prepare for children to be able to return to school full-time in August.

The Scottish Government also confirmed on the 23 June that the blended learning model is the contingency option that may still need to be enacted.

The purpose of this letter is to provide further clarification and information ahead of the end of the school term on Friday 3 July.

1. **Arrangements for classes on return on August 11th 2020**

We will have 37 pupils when we return in August.

Mrs Thomson will have a P1-4 with 18 pupils. Mr Lindsay will have a P5-7 of 19 pupils.

**Nursery/P1 transition to primary.**

**Week 1** in nursery 8.30 – 12.30 Tue - Fri

**Week 2** in 5 mornings – Mon to Fri 9.00- 1.00

**Week 3** Mon, Wed, Fri AM Tue & Thur all day

**Week 4** Mon & Fri AM, Tue, Wed, Thur all day

**Week 5** In full time

**Early Years**

**Week 1** New P1’s only in nursery

**Week 2** returning pupil and new starts attending sessions running 8.30 – 12.30 Monday to Friday.

1. **Other School News & Staffing Updates**

Mrs Elizabeth Garrick will be Acting Head Teacher for a year. She brings lots of experience and I know you will support her and make her feel very welcome.

Miss Henry is moving to Aith as a Practitioner in the nursery. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new post.

We welcome Mr Lindsay to the Happyhansel team as the P5-7 teacher. He’s going to have a great year I’m sure.

We have a new music teacher, Dr Justice, who will be with us on a Tuesday. Mrs Thompson will continue to deliver PE on a Friday. Art is currently vacant.

1. **What happens next?**

The final decision on whether schools will reopen full-time for children and young people on the 11 August, or partially with a blended model of delivery, will be made by the Scottish Government by the 30 July.

You will appreciate that this is very fluid situation. Therefore, Children’s Services will continue to write to all parents and carers through the summer holidays, and will confirm the actual arrangements at the start of August for the return of children and young people in Shetland for the new academic session 2020/21.

During the summer holidays, if you have any queries or concerns about the return of your children to school in August, please do contact Children’s Services directly by emailing: Education.SocialServices@shetland.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher