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We are now in our final days of session 2019/2020 with only one day to go! Although we started the session with a positive by celebrating our 60th birthday this will definitely be a school year that we will never forget! The spread of the coronavirus resulted in extraordinary circumstances that we have not experienced in our life time and I can assure you that Friday the 20th of March was one of the most difficult and challenging days that I have ever experienced in my teaching career. Saying goodbye to our Blackburn family was not easy however, myself and Mrs McCarney have been in awe by the strength and resolve of the people around us, the way staff and families have rallied and engaged in many remote learning opportunities and the generosity of our families and staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teaching, support and nursery staff for their hard work and commitment to the life and work of the school especially throughout the lock down. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays and can’t wait to have all the pupils in school and the nursery and get on with the core business of learning and teaching and supporting our pupils to achieve their full potential.

You will have received communication from West Lothian Council yesterday and you will likely be aware of the Depute First Minister's announcement of the aim of re-opening all Scottish schools to all pupils on a full-time basis **from Wednesday 12 August**.

With this aim in mind, I would like to share with you our class structure and your child’s class teacher for August if a full return is achieved:

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| Stage | Teacher | PSW |
| P1/2 | Miss Miller | Miss Robertson |
| A1 | Mrs Kinnen | Mrs Wilmott and Mrs Meikle |
| P2/3/4 | Miss Kyle / Mrs Topping (Wed) | Mrs Anderson and Mrs Smith |
| P4/5 | Miss McLuckie / Mr Riding (Wed) | Miss Gilbert |
| A2 | Mrs Bryce | Carolann |
| P6/7 | Miss Anderson | Mrs McMillan  |

Please do bear in mind that if plans for August do require to be changed then this may result in a change to our class structure and to the teacher allocated to your child’s class. We will inform you of any required changes as soon as possible.

This session we are saying goodbye to Miss Butler and Miss Hamill who will be moving on, we wish them every success in their future careers. We will therefore be welcoming Miss Kyle to the Blackburn Primary School team, we are sure she will be made very welcome.

I would like to thank you for all the support that you have given me and the staff at Blackburn Primary School throughout the session. I would especially like to thank Mrs McCarney for supporting our families throughout the lock down by delivering weekly food parcels and lunches to families on a daily basis. I would also like to thank the staff who worked in the Hub schools during lockdown and to staff who have volunteered for this over the summer holidays. I know this has been a long haul and I wish you all a pleasant summer and I look forward to seeing you in August. I hope the sun shines brightly on you all and you manage to get some time to relax.

Miss Clarkson