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### **Returning to School Information from August 2020**

Dear Parents/ carers,

As we approach the end of term and the beginning of our summer holidays, we wanted to share some final pieces of information with you to help us be as ready as possible for our return in August 2020.

#### **The principles for re-opening schools across the Highlands are as follows:**

##### **The health, safety and welling of pupils and staff**

This is at the heart of the decision-making; this includes the incorporation of measures to support physical distancing in all schools and ways to mitigate the risk of infection and transmission.

##### **Equity (all pupils have the opportunity to be in school)**

Children will have regular access to high quality activities. They will work with teachers and practitioners in schools for as much time as can be safely managed. At present the plan is 100% but contingency plans will include 'Blended Learning' with in school Face to Face and continuation with remote learning at home.

##### **To recover Learning and Teaching (including new opportunities with digital learning)**

This will be delivered through a combination of the continued use of our well established online learning platform 'Google Classroom' with purposeful face to face interactions between pupils and staff.

##### **Attainment in session 2020/2021**

Schools will work to provide additional and appropriate support to children where it is most needed. They will focus on maximising children's engagement with their learning. Teachers will be very focused on identifying and closing gaps in children's learning and will continue to work very closely with parents/carers as partners to support the child.

##### **Our Lochardil Return**

At Lochardil, we are planning for a 100% return to school as per the Deputy First Minister's recent announcement of plans for schools. This means all pupils will return in their classes on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August, with Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August as an In-service day for staff. You will have received your child's class for next session, and the information about the practical return to school from the previous letters.

Early Learning & Childcare are also presently planning for a 100% return in August. Further communication will follow from Miss MacKenzie, Childcare Manager, as we are still waiting further guidance on the implementation of the 1140 hours entitlement.

However, we do need to wait until the end of July for the Scottish Government to confirm this will be a 100% return with no social distancing, so as you are aware we have made contingency plans as follows -

**Model A** – Full return to school with no Social Distancing so children will be in full time.

**Model B** (shared in previous correspondence as our initial Model A including 2m social distancing) – This model is based on 2m Social Distancing Guidance and would enable a third of the school to be in at any one time. This means that children in P2-P6 are in one day a week and 2 days every 3 weeks. With P1s and P7s in 40% of the time with 2 days per week. This timetable has been included at the end of this letter for clarity.

**Model C** – This model is based on 1m Social Distancing and would enable 50% of the school (P2-P6) to be in at any one time. This means that they would be in 2 days every week, Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday, with P1s and P7s being in 4 full days.

At present we will not have Breakfast Club or Out of School Care running from day 1 if we are returning 100%. There will be more information to follow as we would look to open this as soon as is safely possible once back. If we use Models B and C there would be no Breakfast Club or Out of School Care until we progress to a 100% return of all pupils safely. Information about the Breakfast and OOSC will be posted on the school blog as soon as it becomes available.

You have received information on what class and bubble your child is placed within should we need to implement our contingency plans (Model B or Model C). Included here is a copy of the timetable for Model A. If we return with a Model C an updated version of the timetable will be shared in the week prior to returning in August and emailed to you.

**Lunches** – We will continue to provide a school lunch service that can be purchased as normal or provided free for P1-P3 pupils and Free School Meal entitlements. This will be in the form of a ‘Grab and Go’ option for Term 1. This will consist of a sandwich, home baking, fruit/veg sticks and water. Children are also able to take in their own packed lunches. We will continue with this lunch option despite what model of return we use. This will be revisited for Term two to ensure we have hot options available.

**Our ‘Getting Back’ online book** – Remember to take a look at our online book ‘Getting Back’ to start to prepare for the next school session. Please remember to provide stationery for your child as shared in the book, and bring gym kit and gym shoes (indoor shoes) for use. These items will still remain in your child’s bag for now so please take each day.

**Some information will be updated throughout summer** due to Scottish Government announcements so please check Highland Council website for details while school is closed.

<https://read.bookcreator.com/msQzn8f6dbcFOLhKXN0SkulKGR2/60AhrpSZSISduuqiJYqvCQ>

**Calendar** – Please click on the link below to take you to the most updated school calendar dates for next session.

[https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19356/highland\\_school\\_calendar\\_2020\\_to\\_2021](https://www.highland.gov.uk/downloads/file/19356/highland_school_calendar_2020_to_2021)

Have a safe, and fabulous summer holiday. We are all very much looking forward to seeing everyone in person again in August.

Many thanks,



Mrs Audrey Kellacher

**Contingency plan/..... Please see next page**

**Contingency Plan - if we cannot return to school 100% in August  
(after the DFM announcement in late July)**

**Model B**

- P1 will be 9 or 10 pupils = ½ class in each of the Bubbles A & B. (2 days each per week in school with 3 days spent continuing learning at home)
- P2 - P6 will have combinations of 7, 8 or 9 pupils in Bubbles A, B, C (& D for some). 1 day each in the school building with 4 days continuing learning at home. Over a period of 3 or 4 weeks all will have had 2 days in school face to face learning and teaching.
- P7 will have larger bubbles i.e. ½ class in a bid to increase face-to-face time as they are an identified priority group. 1 would use the gym hall and the other would learn across the 2 rooms in the portacabin.
- The aim is to return to normal as soon as possible and to increase face to face in school time in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
- Fridays closed to pupils and staff P1-P7 to focus on the virtual learning and planning through Google Classroom and allow time for CCR.
- Dining hall space would be the Keyworker/identified children Hub type provision. Pupils attending this would have additional time spent in school.

Class	Teacher	Roll	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1A	Miss Ross	19	A (9)	A (9)	B (10)	B (10)	Staff Virtual Day
P1B	Mrs MacArthur	19	A (9)	A (9)	B (10)	B (10)	Staff Virtual Day
P2A	Mrs Fraser/Mrs Beattie	27	A (9)	B (9)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P2B	Mrs MacIver	27	A (9)	B (9)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P3A	Mrs Wilson/Mrs MacLelland	28	A (10)	B (9)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P3B	Miss Melville	28	A (10)	B (9)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P4	Miss Graham	30	A (10)	B (10)	C (10)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P5/4	Mrs Prentice	10/5	A (10)	B (7)	C (8)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P5	Miss McArthur	29	A (10)	B (10)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P6/5	Mrs Munro/Mrs Scotson	6/19	A (8)	B (8)	C (9)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P6	Miss MacDonald	30	A (10)	B (10)	C (11)	A,B,C will rotate over 3 week cycle to have a 2 <sup>nd</sup> day per week.	Staff Virtual Day
P7A	Mrs Murray	25	A (12)	B (13)	A (12)	B (13)	Staff Virtual Day
P7B	Miss MacLean	26	A (13)	B (13)	A (13)	B (13)	Staff Virtual Day