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Returning to School Information January 2021

Dear Parents/ carers,

We thank you for your continued support over this term and helping to work in partnership with us to continue to keep us a safe, caring and positive learning environment. As we go in to the Christmas break there is still some uncertainty surrounding how our school will look in the new term due to the nature of the virus and announcements from Scottish Government. However, please be reassured we will be ready and very much looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils as and when we can. A letter has been issued from Highland Council today and has been shared on our Blog to inform on key information such as dates for return, keyworker childcare arrangements, and further support available for families.

Our school team has been as proactive as possible preparing for Term 3, given the ever changing circumstances. To confirm –

- Google Classrooms have continued to run throughout the past two terms and will be in use for our virtual learning platform for each class when learning and teaching returns in a virtual capacity from Monday 11th January 2021 until the planned return to face to face schooling within the building planned for Monday 18th January 2021. This will follow a similar format to our last Lockdown experience with the inclusion of learning & teaching for the 3 core areas Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing, and will include a daily class meet to continue to support connection and relationships.
- Home learning packs – potential resources required to support online learning activities have been issued today for our pupils that require this. Any password reminders have been shared and we look forward to everyone logging on from Monday 11th January 2021.
- Registers and emotional check ins will be used online as previously. Please call the school office if your child will be absent from online learning e.g. in the event of illness etc.
- A Google Form was issued today to ascertain numbers of potential keyworker children requiring childcare during the extended holiday period Wed 6th Jan-Fri 8th Jan, then during the initial online learning period from Monday 1st Jan – Friday 1st Jan. Thank you to all for submitting and we can now plan for the safe return of our pupils and staff. We have accommodated all our keyworker childcare needs using the information provided and if there are any changes we will be in touch directly with you. Please remember to use this service only if there is no other option for a childcare measure, to try to ensure the safety of all at all times by limiting the traffic footfall within our campus, and more importantly limiting the risk of transfer of Covid-19.
- For those children of keyworkers or specific needs only that are attending school during the extended holiday period i.e. 6th – 8th Jan, and/or the week of online learning i.e. 11th -15th Jan, hours of operation are as normal to the child's pattern of attendance e.g. Breakfast club, school day, and OoSC, will run as planned. Please ask your child to line up in their normal line on their 1st day attending after the holidays and staff will meet them as usual and direct them to their learning area. At present this may be within a bubble in a different classroom, or may be within a classroom for their year group. Please reassure your child(ren) they are coming back to their '2nd home' and while it may have slight changes we will make them feel as confident and comfortable as they possibly can and will support them to continue to feel safe, happy and enjoy their learning during this time.
- For the rest of the school community, children will enjoy an extended holiday break then return to school but online from 11th-15th January 2021 in line with the Scottish Government guidance.
- We will be in contact with you all again by week ending 8th January 2021 with any further relevant information and be responsive to any further Scottish Government announcements.
- We will continue to review our contingency plans and risk assessments accordingly.

We ask everyone to please adhere to the Scottish Government Covid-19 guidance over this festive period and please remember you are keeping both yourself, family, and our whole community as safe as possible.

Finally, remember to take a look at the Google Classrooms, and our social media channels to enjoy the festive cheer we have been involved with and see the joy in the little faces even during the most challenging of times! Our Christmas Carol Sign Along

ELC – P7 is simple precious and a keepsake to treasure. Thank you for continuing to trust us to do our best for all our children and families.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!

We look forward to welcoming all our Lochardil community back in the New Year.

Thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audrey Kellacher', written in a cursive style.

Audrey Kellacher
Head Teacher