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Dear Parent/Carer

Update

As we move to the next phase out of lockdown, I wanted to keep you up-to-date as much as I can in these ever-changing times.

Return to School Date

In line with national and local authority advice, we are currently planning for our young people to come back to school from **Tuesday 11 August**. I will confirm actual arrangements as soon as I can.

As you know, this is a week earlier than planned for South Ayrshire. Our families and staff may have holidays booked and I am sorry for this inconvenience. It is, however, a Ministerial Directive and so cannot be changed. If you do have a holiday planned, please let the school know. Under the circumstances, it will be an authorised absence and pupils will be able to catch up on work missed on their return.

Blended Learning

It is clear that physical distancing will be with us for some time. As a result, we are unable to have all pupils in school at the same time. This means we have to think differently about how we deliver learning. In August, we will move from Home Learning to Blended Learning. This will combine at-home and online learning with face-to-face, in-school learning.

Pupils will attend on a part-time basis in smaller groups. When they are not at school, they will continue to learn at home. Staff will provide tasks and activities to be carried out at home and will continue to use Microsoft Teams to deliver online content. Our staff have made great progress with digital learning and are delivering more and more live lessons, tutorials and check-ins, particularly in the senior school.

We are currently working on a timetable of rotations so that pupils can attend as often as possible. As you can imagine, this is a very complex task. We are also working on health and hygiene procedures that must be in place to keep all our young people and staff safe. I will share all this with you when I have more definite details.

Once again, thank you for your support and all you are doing to help with home learning during lockdown. I know this period has been and continues to be challenging for us all.

Take care everyone.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Byrne".

Mary Byrne
Head Teacher