



Education Resources
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Dear Parent

Phased return to in-person learning in schools

Following the First Minister's confirmation yesterday (Tuesday 16th February 2021) targeting the gradual phased return of children to schools from Monday 22nd February for nursery children, those in P1-P3 in primary schools and some senior pupils in S4-S6.

We have been developing our plans for the phased return in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources and will share details once they have been confirmed later this week.

We are aware there is small number of families where both parents are Key Workers who may now require an in school placement. We will re-issue the guidance and application form link later today.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back our youngest children and staff are busy planning for their return to ensure that their wellbeing is supported and that their learning can progress as seamlessly as possible.

It is envisaged that P.1-3 children will revert to following the routines and timings that were in place between August and Christmas. Given that we have a P.4/3 composite class, this will require us to review some of the timings of Livestream Interaction and the Live Direct Teaching (Meets) for P.4/3, P.6/5 and P.7/6 as well as changes to the rota for supporting children at P.4-7 who are in the Hub. We will communicate any changes to parents as soon as possible. It is important to note that any P.4 children who are currently attending the Hub will continue to do so, they will not join the P.3 children in class.

We know that parents are as eager to hear about the plans as we are to share them with you, however these are complex issues that we want to get right first time. We are already experiencing a higher number of phone calls and enquiries and ask for your patience, someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kirstine McDonald'.

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