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Dear Parent/Guardian

South Ayrshire Council lettered all parents yesterday on the phased return to in-school learning from 15 March following the announcement from the First Minister earlier this week. I am presently working on our implementation model so that young people can return to school safely. We are liaising with our transport contractors and this will be the deciding factor on the number of young people and the year groups that can return each day. I will provide detailed information next week. All staff are looking forward to having our children back in school.

SAFETY FIRST

In line with the Scottish Government guidelines, from the 15 March **all young people** have to wear face coverings in school at all times. They have to maintain a 1m distance on school transport, families need to sit beside each other on the bus and 1m from people from other households. A 2m distance from each other and school staff should be maintained in school at all times. Please encourage your child to take the responsibility of ensuring they comply with this as it will help prevent the spread of Covid.

Lateral Flow Testing kits are available for pupils in S4 to S6 but we require the consent form to be completed before these can be given out. Please contact the school office to arrange a time to come into school to collect the testing kits. The government are indicating that this may be extended to pupils in S1-3 but we have been given no further guidance on this as yet.

SQA

Staff are continuing to deliver courses in line with SQA guidelines and will continue to do so when pupils return. Assessments will take place in school as young people progress in their learning and staff will assign provisional grades to young people based on this evidence. I have asked staff to send a text message home, at least one week prior to any extended assessments taking place, to keep you informed. All courses and gathering of assessment evidence will be completed by 11 June. Moderation and quality assurance of grades will take place in school and at authority level before being submitted to SQA. We will share the final provisional grades with you the week beginning 21 June. Young people need to return to school for this evidence to be gathered.

HEAD TEACHER RETIREMENT

I have taken the decision to retire from my post effective from 16 August so that I can spend more time with my family. It has been an honour to lead this school for the past eight years and to have enjoyed the support of the Carrick school community; I am very proud of the successes of my young people during this time. The post will be advertised nationally and a new Head Teacher will be appointed before the end of the academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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