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Dear Parent/Carer

We wrote to you at the beginning of this month regarding the first phased reopening of schools with the return of specific groups of children and young people from Monday 22nd February. As you will be aware, this first phased reopening of schools was confirmed by the Scottish Government and we are writing with further details in relation to the guidance published on 16th February.

As expected and planned for, arrangements are in place for the following phased return:

1. A full time return of early learning and childcare for all children below school age;
2. A full time return to school for pupils in primaries 1 - 3;
3. A full time return to school for P1-P7 pupils for those schools with a roll of 25 or less where all pupils have been taught within the same class from August 2020;
4. For all primary schools not covered by paragraph 3 above, P4-P7 pupils to continue to be taught remotely at home; and
5. Children of key workers and vulnerable children who are not covered by paragraphs 1 to 4 above, and who have an allocated place at the hub should continue to attend.

Your child's school will be in contact with you directly to confirm arrangements for the phased reopening on Monday 22nd February during normal school hours. This will include drop-off, pick-up and safety mitigations advised by the Scottish Government eg the wearing of face masks.

For children in P4-P7 if you have any questions or worries around home learning please get in touch with your school in the usual way who will support you. We have also set up a central e-mail box that will further support your queries in relation to home learning eg technical support with devices/access to websites. Please e-mail remotelearning@argyll-bute.gov.uk to access help if required.

All that remains is for us to thank you for your continued support and understanding throughout the phased reopening of schools.

Yours sincerely

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