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Returning to School in August and Classes for 20/21

As per set out by the DFM last week, it is now proposed that all year groups return to school, full time, from Tuesday 11th August 2020. However, this is dependent on certain conditions being met as determined by the Scottish Government.

Therefore, in order to ensure we are prepared for this, we are parallel planning for three possible scenarios:

Option 1: Full return for all pupils with minimal adaptations to school routine and buildings.

Option 2: Full return for all pupils with adaptations to school routine and buildings

Option 3: Contingency Plan of Blended Learning and up to 50% in school learning per week

With option 1 or 2, we would have 4 nursery classes and 13 primary classes. These have been determined by taking the following factors into consideration:

- Learner's personal and social development
- Attainment and progress in Numeracy and Literacy
- Friendships

In line with National Guidance composite classes have a maximum of 25 children. The maximum for P1 is 25 and the maximum for P2 and P3 is 30. The maximum for all other classes is 33. In certain circumstances class restructuring may have to take place during the summer break, after a school session has started or, in very exceptional circumstances, at any point during the year.

Staffing for 20/21 is as follows:

P1S	Miss Shepherd	Room 5
P1W	Miss Wildgoose	Room 2
P1/2	Mrs Mani	Room 6
P2	Miss Shearer	Room 3
P2/3	Miss Bruce / Mrs Reid	Room 4
P3	Miss Young	Room 1
P3/4	Miss J Smith	Room 14
P4	Miss Frayne	Room 12
P4/5	Miss Dickson	Room 9

P5	Miss Summers	Room 16
P6	Miss L Smith	Room 11
P6/7	Miss Mudge	Room 10
P7	Mr Melville	Room 15
Targeted Support	Mrs Withers / Mrs Reid / Mr Clayson	Room 7 and 8
NCCT	Miss Duffus	Music Room
NCCT	Miss Ritchie	Gym Hall

If the government decide schools will fully re open from Monday 10th August, this will serve as an induction week to phase learners back into in school learning. The timetable of the week will be as follows:

- **Monday 10th August** **School Closed to pupils** In Service Day
- **Tuesday 11th August** **School Closed to pupils** Return to school preparations
- **Wednesday 12th August** **Group A (Red Team)** Only
- **Thursday 13th August** **Group B (Yellow Team)** Only
- **Friday 14th August** **ALL PUPILS RETURN**

If the Scottish government decide the conditions for a safe return for all pupils are not met, then we will look at our contingency plan. In Option 3, pupils will return to school in reduced groups with a regular rota system in place so that parents and children have a consistent routine. Classes will be divided into two groups with children attending in blocks of days.

Monday	A	A
Tuesday	A	A
Wednesday		
Thursday	B	B
Friday	B	B

Some of these groups are of different sizes so that additional supports and staffing can be allocated. If our contingency plans come into effect, some classes may be relocated to other areas of the school to accommodate social distancing practices.

Your child's class and group will be communicated via Groupcall, in accordance with GDPR, following this letter. On Monday 10th August, you will receive further communication, via groupcall, sharing the exact plan based on Scottish government guidance. At the moment, there will be no catering facilities and all children will need a packed lunch with them.

I appreciate this level of uncertainty is not ideal, but I feel it is important we are transparent with our scenario planning to ensure you are fully informed about the options that may have to be considered in August. Our full School Contingency Plan will be emailed and is available on our website, please ensure you are familiar with this in case we are unable to return full time in August.

I must stress, that returning full time is the aim that the Scottish Government is now working towards and we would love to welcome our learners and families back using the Option 1 or 2 model. However, this has to be achieved safely so it inevitably remains conditional and dependent upon ongoing scientific and health advice.

We want our children back in school fulltime as soon as possible and as soon as it is safe to do so and endeavour to work towards this goal. Please don't hesitate to contact the School Office on 01224 788180 or email heathryburn@aberdeencity.gov.uk should you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards
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