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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are keeping well and that any issues with regards to online learning have been rectified since the change of timetable? We will hopefully have our IT order distributed in due course, we have been waiting for the I-pads that we ordered to arrive with North Ayrshire Council – as it stands, we have ordered over 100.

I wish to reassure you that we have been working hard to get the school in order and open in time for our young people to return to a blended model of learning as of 11th August 2020. By the time the young people return, most probably in smaller numbers and for a reduced period of time, all matters with regards health and safety will be in place and indeed in accordance with the advice laid out by the Scottish Government. The health and safety of all members of our school community is the most important thing to us and I promise that we will not have young people or staff in the building unless it is absolutely safe to do so. That said, it is our intention to offer a P7/S1 transition experience of sorts near the end of June, we will be in touch with parents/carers of our P7pupils when we have the go ahead to bring our transition plans to fruition - this will be on a significantly reduced basis.

In order to inform our plans for August, we are working closely with NAC to bring a new model of timetabling together and on this matter, I am interested in hearing the thoughts of all stakeholders. The young people will be issued a survey in their year group Google Classrooms and staff/parents/carers will be issued the survey via text. Please make the most of this opportunity to have your voice heard - your views are really important to us.

In the meantime please continue to support learning at home as best you can, we understand how difficult it can be, particularly when the weather is so nice outside, but please be assured that it is making a difference. Over the recent period staff have commented on how much has been achieved, please don't lose sight of this.

As ever please do not hesitate to contact me at linziesloan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk should you wish to discuss anything further.

Take Care,

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