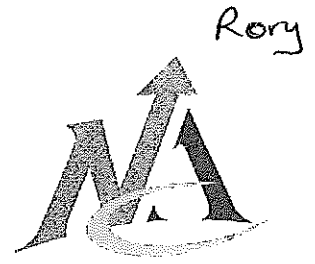


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**June 2022**

**To: Head Teachers of Secondary Schools**

Dear Colleague

**Education Maintenance Allowances (EMAs), Academic Session 2022-2023**

I am writing to provide information with regards to the EMA application process for academic session 2022-2023.

I would confirm that we will be moving to a fully online process from Session 2022-2023, and young people and their parents/carers will be able to apply from ~~1~~ **June 2022** by visiting [www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/EMA](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/EMA)

The application is quick and easy to complete and incorporates the EMA Learning Agreement. Once a young person has submitted an online application form the EMA Learning Agreement will be automatically generated to schools.

Whilst the application is now fully online, we are aware there will be some households who may struggle with this. Further to my email of 8 February 2022, I would be grateful if schools could assist those households who experience difficulties utilising the online process, as I am sure many of you already do.

Please note, for the forthcoming session, only young people who are 16 to 19 years of age, whose dates of birth fall between 1 March 2003 and 28 February 2007 will be eligible to apply for an EMA award.

I have enclosed a supply of EMA leaflets and letters and would be grateful if these could be distributed to those young people who will be remaining at school from August 2022 and who meet the age eligibility criteria. (Please be aware that there may be a small number of young people who are commencing S4 who will also be age eligible).

In addition, I have enclosed a supply of EMA posters and would be grateful if these could be displayed in prominent places around your school from 1 June 2022.