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Dear Parent,

Recovery Planning: Reopening of Schools

We understand that this has been a difficult time for parents/carers following the closure of schools and early years in March. The Scottish Government has now confirmed the arrangements for reopening schools. More information in relation to early years will be provided in the next few days.

Due to the continuing risks from Covid-19, education will be delivered through a blended model of in-school and home learning when schools reopen in August. The health and safety of staff and children will be at the heart of our planning; taking full account of the guidance from Scottish Government and NHS Inform. The provision will require to be flexible due to the changing circumstances caused by Covid-19.

There is a considerable amount of detail to be worked through as we develop the Council's Phased Delivery Plan. There is on-going engagement with the Parent Council Steering Group and we will provide more information to parents as soon as plans are finalised for each school.

During June, Head Teachers will work with Council officers to prepare the School Recovery Plan, including the organisation and arrangements for the in-school and home learning provision next session. Staff will also be working to ensure transition arrangements are in place for children who require support and those who are due to start in Primary 1 (P1) and Secondary 1 (S1) next session. If you have a child due to transition to P1 or S1, your school will be in touch with you to advise of the arrangements once these transition plans have been finalised.

The provision of childcare for children of keyworkers will continue to be provided in June and through the school summer holiday period. We would ask parents to only apply if they have explored all other childcare options and meet the categories defined by Scottish Government. There is a need to continue to keep numbers as low as possible to reduce the risk of infection and transmission for both children and staff.

There is an application form available on the Council website.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/council-democracy/covid-19-school-update>

Arrangements for childcare provision after the school summer holidays are being developed and more information will be provided when this is available.

We would thank you for your support during this difficult time and will continue to work to provide education and support for your child/ren.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Education Officer