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Dear parent/carer

Since the First Ministers announcement that pupils would go back to school in August there has been a huge amount of planning and preparation going on at both regional and school level. Across Moffat Academy and Beattock Primary cluster we have had to calculate the new capacities of our classrooms based on each person having 2 metre social distancing space, carried out health and safety checks, put new signage in place and planned our model for delivery. The model for delivery is the number of days and pattern children will be in school. We do now have agreement across the region as to what that will look like and I shared the Director of Education's paper with you. We are still working on the detail across the cluster but today I will be sharing which group your child is in.

Early Learning and Childcare (Nursery)

Scottish Government advice on the re-opening of Nurseries came out on Monday. As I'm sure you can imagine, there is now a power of work taking place to ensure we meet the criteria within those guidelines and provide the youngest members of our school with a safe and enjoyable experience within our settings. I have a further meeting on this today and as soon as I have detail to share with you I will. I know you have now had your letter confirming your child's place and I would like to welcome them to our school.

Primary

The model agreed for Primary Schools across D & G is what we call a 2-2-1 model. That is every child will have two days in school with a teacher and the other three days will be blended learning. Blended learning is learning at home with work provided by their teacher.

The days each group will be in are:

Monday and Tuesday	Group A
Wednesday and Thursday	Group B
Friday	Blended learning at home for all pupils

The office will be sending out a message this-afternoon to let you know which group your child/children are in. The groupings are very tight due to our new capacities but if you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Brown – gw08brownnicola11@ea.dumgal.sch.uk or Mrs McConnachie – gw10mconnachiekirsti@ea.dumgal.sch.uk. In order to fit within the new capacities in Moffat Primary the children have been divided into nine groups. When we return to fulltime provision, they will be in eight classes.

Secondary

The secondary model is a 3/2 model which means your child will be in three days one week and two the next. The pattern for our groupings is:

12 th August	Group A	
13 th and 14 th August	Group B	
Week beginning	Group	Days in school
17 th August	Group A	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
	Group B	Thursday, Friday
24 th August	Group A	Thursday, Friday
	Group B	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
31 st August	Group A	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
	Group B	Thursday, Friday
7 th September	Group A	Thursday, Friday
	Group B	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
14 th September	Group A	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
	Group B	Thursday, Friday
21 st September	Group A	Thursday, Friday
	Group B	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
28 th September	Group A	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
	Group B	Thursday, Friday
5 th October	Group A	Thursday, Friday
	Group B	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

This model allows us to run our normal timetable, ensures our young people get their full subject entitlement over a two week period, gives them a sense of normality and also allows us to scale up our offering very quickly if government advice says it is safe to do so. We will share which group your child/children are in by the end of today.

Government advice can change very quickly and therefore our plans may have to change to match it. As a result, I can not say for certain that our plans will be the same in August. If there are any further changes I will endeavour to keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

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