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Dear Parents and Carers

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Welcome Back - Arrangements

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I know that for many of us, the Level 4 restrictions have meant that we have not been able to spend time with family and friends this holiday, however, I do hope that you have managed to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the winter break and have had the opportunity to enjoy quality family time at home. You will know from our previous communication outlining our contingency plans, that due to the Level 4 enhanced restrictions, we will move to distance learning for the majority of our learners. As a school we are prepared for this and as further national and local advice around distance learning is shared with schools, we will ensure that we take account of this and adapt our plans where necessary.

Our school remains open for in-person learning for children of key workers and vulnerable children whilst following the Scottish Government's guidance that the number of children taking up places in schools during the strict lockdown period should be kept to the absolute minimum necessary. This has meant that we have established a 'core team' of staff who will be in school to support this. Our staff are working as a team at each stage (year group), including our ELC team, to ensure that all learners experience high quality teaching and learning in-person or in-home therefore you should expect that your child will experience learning and feedback from the range of teachers or ELC staff within your child's stage. Teachers who are part of the core team in school will communicate this with you via Seesaw. Teachers have had time to work in their stages to plan for learning to ensure consistency across the stage and to take account of your child's next steps in learning.

Distance Learning

We will provide daily in-home or in-person learning activities, including pre-recorded videos, through Seesaw for all of our children from ELC through to Primary 7. Seesaw is a platform that all of our children are familiar with and confident in using. Seesaw activities will have a particular focus upon Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing and include other areas of the curriculum in line with ELC or stage year plans. Our ELC staff, teachers and support staff will continue to support your child's learning over the course of the week and provide feedback upon their learning. Seesaw also provides a simple method for two way communication between home and school. We would respectfully ask that you are mindful when communicating with staff via Seesaw as lots of individual queries from families can become overwhelming for staff. Please note that our school office remains open at this time to support you with any queries you may have and you can also speak with the senior leadership team in the usual way. All of our families have been provided with their Seesaw codes for this session. Please do not hesitate to

contact us if you have any difficulties accessing Seesaw. If you are in need of any support or materials during this period, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or school email.

Digital Devices to Support Learning

The Scottish Government has supported our own efforts to ensure that all young people have access to a device and internet connectivity to access learning online. This includes access for every child in a household. We have tried to ensure that all of our families have access to a device. If you require support, or if your circumstances change at any time, please contact us directly via the school office.

Finally, I know that this will be a challenging time once again for our school community. The health and wellbeing of our children, families and staff is paramount and I would encourage all of us to look out for one another and to be kind. Whilst we cannot be together in person, we will continue to strive to keep our school community connected. We are Team KP and we can do this!

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Warm wishes

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