



Education

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you on plans for your child's education for the remainder of this term, and the new term in January, following the recent announcement by the First Minister.

All Argyll and Bute schools will remain open as planned until Wednesday 23rd December, with learning recommencing for all pupils on the 11th of January 2021 and not the 7th January as per the holiday schedule. The majority of children and young people will receive their learning online from the 11th January until at least the 18th January 2021 when they will begin their return to school providing the Scottish Government are confident that the virus is under control. Children of key workers and vulnerable children will be able to attend school for childcare from the 7th of January with learning beginning on Monday 11th January in line with the Scottish Government's timetable.

Parents/Carers of children eligible for a free school meal will receive an automatic payment to their bank account which will cover the period up until the 18th January 2021. This will include pupils in P1-P3 who are currently receiving payments through the holidays.

If you were identified as a key worker previously in the year and had a space at one of our HUB schools, you will receive a letter from us to confirm arrangements for your child(ren) from the 7th January. If you are a parent of a new pupil to one of our schools or you have changed career and are now classed as a keyworker please apply for a place at seemis@argyll-bute.gov.uk. If you are unsure if you would qualify as a keyworker please visit [here](#) for clarification.

The Council will also be working through any updated guidance, if received, to ensure that all necessary arrangements are put in place for a safe reopening of our schools on the 18th January 2021.

Your child's school will be in touch with you in the normal way in relation to home learning arrangements from the 11th January. Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these changing times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Hendry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director

