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Dear Parent/Carer,

**End of Term Update 2020**

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well. Thank you for your continued support throughout session 2019-20 and in particular over the past three months. We are extremely proud of the resilience shown by everyone in our school community during these difficult times.

Last week, we celebrated the achievements of our 2020 prize winners. Certificates have been posted to all students receiving awards and we will present trophies and medals when school returns. Special congratulations to Emily McCourt, Dux Medallist and Megan Frame, Proxime Accessit. We would also like to congratulate our S3 Science team (Eva Callan, Darryn Clifton, Isla Steele, Adam Martin, Nicole Enero and Calum Robertson), who won the Go4SET national final earlier this month – well done!

Our final ‘Spotlight’ presentation to support the transition of P7 pupils to S1 will be published later this week. We hope this information has helped young people to ‘meet’ their teachers and we look forward to welcoming our new S1 students in August. The ‘Spotlight’ series can be found at: <http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/>

Plans for the return of schools will be reviewed at the end of July 2020 based on the advice of the Scottish Government and South Lanarkshire Council. If our contingency timetable is required, with pupils attending school in two groups, our plans are in place. You should have received a text message from the school office to confirm your child’s group number. If you did not receive this information, please contact the school office.

Should our contingency timetable and a blended approach to learning be required, the table below shows which pupils will be in school during the first four weeks of term. When students aren’t in school, they would continue their learning at home.

**Contingency Timetable: In School Learning Groups**

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Holiday	In-service Day	Group 2	Group 1	Group 1
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 1	Group 1
<b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	Group 1	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2	Group 2
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Group 2	Group 2	Group 2	Group 1	Group 1

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Our new Additional Support Needs provision will open in August. Mrs Pamela Docherty, Depute Head Teacher, will lead our Inclusion Support Team. Mr Stuart Rivans, Teacher of Additional Support Needs and Mrs Judith Goulding, School Support Assistant, also join our Inclusion Support Team.

In August, Mr Bruce Biggart, retires from Lesmahagow High School after 38 years of dedicated service to our school community. Ms Kirsty Blackwood moves to Calderglen High School, where she will be Faculty Head of Performing Arts. Our Newly Qualified Teachers also complete their probationary year. We are delighted that Ms Melissa Melvin and Ms Nicola Forbes will return to Lesmahagow High School to the Maths and Science Faculties. Dr Tanya Mathie and Ms Gail Mackie have secured permanent appointments within other South Lanarkshire schools. Mr Ross Beveridge, Mr Douglas Roberts and Ms Alisha Hope move to West Lothian, North Lanarkshire and East Renfrewshire Councils respectively. We wish all colleagues well in their new posts and we hope Mr Biggart enjoys spending more time with family and friends and on the golf course.

In the new term, Ms Cairn Robertson will join us as Faculty Head of Expressive Arts. Mr Fran McMenemy will be Acting Faculty Head of Technologies and Digital Literacy. Ms Kimberley McCabe joins the History Department, Mr Alistair Carter joins the Geography Department, Mr Kenneth Campbell joins the Technical Department and Ms Jennifer Mason joins the Modern Languages Department. We look forward to welcoming all of our new colleagues. Ms Sharyn Muldoon, Mrs Lindsay Gibson and Mrs Laura Quinn will also return to Lesmahagow High School in August.

For our senior students, SQA exam results will arrive on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. SQA continue to encourage all learners to sign up to MySQA (<https://www.mysqa.org.uk>), the online and text service, as a direct way to receive their results. It will be possible for students to review course choice on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. We hope to arrange our S6 Graduation 2020 as soon as it is possible to do so.

We are currently promoting uniform for returning to school in August, in line with all secondary schools in the Clydesdale locality. We will communicate with all parents should advice on this change as a matter of urgency. Our supplier of uniform is Scotcrest: <https://www.scotcrestschools.co.uk/>

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for all their support throughout the school session and for their fundraising efforts, which will help support a wide range of departments in the new session. Thank you also to Sneddon's, our local baker, for donating strawberry tarts for all staff on the last day of term – they were delicious and very much appreciated.

We would like to wish all pupils, parents, staff and everyone in the Lesmahagow High School community a restful and relaxing summer.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you in August.

Kind regards,



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