

Dear Parents and Carers

Information for AHS Parents and Carers

1. Introduction

On Friday 26 June, Mrs Budge, Director of Children's Services, wrote to you to confirm the Scottish Government's announcement on Tuesday 23 June that, providing coronavirus continues to be suppressed, and it is safe to do so, all local authorities in Scotland should prepare for children to be able to return to school full-time in August.

The Scottish Government also confirmed on 23 June that the blended learning model is the contingency option that may still need to be enacted.

The purpose of this letter is to provide further clarification and information ahead of the end of the school term on Friday 03 July.

2. Arrangements for Anderson High School

At this time, I am anticipating the following arrangements for August 2020:

- Monday 10 August will be In Service Day 1 for staff only
- All pupils will return to AHS on Tuesday 11 August 2020

Over the course of the summer **these plans may change**. I will let you know of any further information as soon as I can.

At the end of July, all AHS families will receive a **pack of information** about the year ahead. This will include your child's timetable. In the meantime if there is anything you would like to know, please contact the school on 01595 808008 or refer to our school website at www.anderson.shetland.sch.uk.

3. What happens next?

The final decision on whether schools will reopen full-time for children and young people on the 11 August, or partially with a blended model of delivery, will be made by the Scottish Government by 30 July.

You will appreciate that this is a very fluid situation. Therefore, SIC Children's Services will continue to write to all parents and carers through the summer holidays, and will confirm the actual arrangements at the start of August for the return of children and young people in Shetland for the new academic session 2020/21.

During the summer holidays, if you have any queries or concerns about the return of your children to school in August, please do contact Children's Services directly by emailing: Education.SocialServices@shetland.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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