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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to a very different end to the school year I wish to share with you important news about your child's school. In doing so, I would like to thank the Parent Council for their support and proactive commitment to representing your views on matters that are important to you and your child's educational experience.

I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed an excellent, highly experienced new Head Teacher for Burnbrae Primary School. Mrs Linda Clarkson will be moving from her post in South Ayrshire to take up post at your child's school and has already visited and met with senior staff in preparation for the new academic session. She is very much looking forward to both meeting and working with you albeit the start to the new session will be very different given the phased re-opening of schools.

Prior to the closure of schools, I met with your Parent Council to discuss matters that were of concern to the parental community and made a commitment to finding a solution to these concerns. I am now in a position to share with you the actions being taken to address your concerns.

I understand that members of the parental community are concerned about the separation of the P1 stage from other stages in the school and the expansion of provision for children with additional support needs. The education service, in partnership with other key officers and external partners, has reviewed the accommodation across both Burnbrae sites and explored opportunities to address these concerns whilst ensuring we provide the appropriate learning environment for all.

Nursery Provision Early Burnbrae site

I can confirm that there will no change for those children due to attend the nursery provision within the new Early Burnbrae campus.

Burnbrae Primary School

Primary 1 children will now remain on the Burnbrae Primary School site. The Head Teacher has worked closely with the central Education Team to ensure that P1 can be accommodated while still retaining the school library. Other internal improvements will progress over the summer period to expand the social space in the dining area.

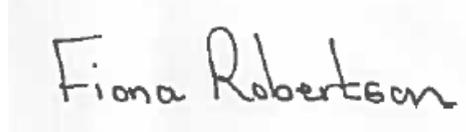
Complex Needs Provision

The proposal to extend the complex needs provision within Burnbrae PS will not be taken forward. The existing complex needs provision within Burnbrae PS will be refurbished to ensure that all spaces are fit for purpose and meet the needs of children attending this provision.

All children with complex needs will follow a similar blended learning model over the autumn term in Burnbrae Primary School. While this is happening, Burnbrae Early will be adapted to create bespoke additional capacity for children with complex children. Once all works are completed, there will continue to be a complex needs provision within Burnbrae Primary School as well as the additional capacity created in Burnbrae Early.

I am confident that these plans will have addressed concerns raised with me and our Elected Members. I now look forward to working with you and Mrs Clarkson to ensure best outcomes for all stakeholders at Burnbrae.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F'.

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