

Educational Services

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Dear Parent/Carer

AUGUST UPDATE

I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our young people back to school on **Wednesday 20 August, at 8.45am**. New S1 pupils should report to the Assembly Hall where they will be met by staff. S2 to S6 should go to their Daily Personal Support class where they will be issued with their timetables and go through information for the term ahead.

Arrangements for Year Heads and Guidance Teachers this year

S1	Mrs Harper	Belleisle	Mrs Dorrans
S2	Mr Little	Craigie	Mrs Mahaffy
S3	Mr Gardner	Rozelle	Mrs Boal
S4	Mrs Harper	Wallace	TBC
S5	Mr Little		
S6	Mr Gardner		

Please note, Mrs Ferguson, guidance teacher for Wallace House, has recently taken on a Depute Head Teacher post in another school. An acting guidance teacher will be appointed within the next week. Until then, please contact your child's year head.

School Calendar

Please find attached a copy of the school calendar for 2025 - 2026 with key dates for your diary. This includes dates for reports, parents' evenings, information evenings and school holidays. You will also find the calendar on our website [here](#).

School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school identity and adds to the purposeful, calm learning environment we enjoy in our school. Almost all our pupils wear their uniform with pride and look very smart. We thank you for your ongoing support with this. We have a supply of school uniform items for anyone who needs them. Please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

School Meals

Our school meals are popular with our young people. Information about weekly menus, nutrition and allergens, how to make payments or how to preorder with the VeriCool app can be found on the website [School meals - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](#). If you want to know more or find out whether your child may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school or visit the website [here](#).

Road Safety on Overmills Road

A reminder that there is restricted vehicle access to the playground after agreement with South Ayrshire Council. This is due to considerable concerns about the volume of traffic in the school playground at the start and end of the day which compromises the safety of our young people. **There is no vehicle access to the school playground between the following times.**

- **8.15 – 9.00 am** **every day**
- **3.15 – 4.00 pm** **Monday and Tuesday**
- **2.30 – 3.15 pm** **Wednesday to Friday**

In addition, congestion on Overmills Road around the school entrance in the mornings and at the end of the day poses a safety issue for our young people and causes significant upset to local residents.

We ask parents/carers to avoid driving into Overmills Road if possible. Instead, drop off further from the school, for example, Holmston Road, and let your child walk the remaining distance to school.

The Ayrshire Roads Alliance has also asked me to remind parents that the laybys in Kilnford Crescent are passing places and should not be used for waiting. Please avoid parking in these spaces to allow a smooth traffic flow in the crescent and prevent congestion.

Police Scotland have advised that the following can be viewed as dangerous driving and should not happen under any circumstances.

- **Using the school entrance to turn**
- **Reversing back into the school entrance**
- **Doing a u-turn on Overmills Road**
- **Ignoring the 20 mph speed limit on Overmills Road**

I know that you will appreciate that these requests are for the safety of our pupils and our local community. If there is a reason your child requires to be dropped off in the school playground then please do not hesitate to contact us to make suitable arrangements.

Parentsportal

Have you signed up to Parentsportal? This is a one-stop shop for information related to your child.

- **Check attendance**
- **See your child's timetable**
- **Access school reports**
- **Log an absence**
- **Submit a permission slip**
- **Update your child's annual data and consent forms**

Find out more info and register here - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/parents-portal> or call the school office who will be happy to help.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join the Parent Council or just attend meetings when they are able. More information can be found on our website [here](#) where you will also find minutes of our previous meetings and Head Teacher reports. **The first meeting of this session will take place on Tuesday 26 August at 7pm. Please come along, you will be very welcome.** Our first meeting will be an informal gathering with refreshments and a chance to meet some staff and other parents and agree some of the topics we will look at this year.

SQA Exam Results

Congratulations to all our pupils who sat SQA examinations before the summer. Once again, our attainment results at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher are very good and some of the strongest results in South Ayrshire Council. Well done to everyone for all their hard work.

I am looking forward to another successful school year ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at kyle.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Byrne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Byrne
Head Teacher