

Parents/Carers of
Pupils attending Primary
and Secondary Schools

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Dear Parent/Carer

As term ends, I am writing to update you on progress we are making in Dundee following the Deputy First Minister's announcement that schools could return full-time from 11 August.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as families for the support that you have shown in continuing to support your children's learning at home through extremely challenging circumstances.

We are working to achieve full reopening of our schools in Dundee, if it is safe to do so.

Recovery Plans for phased return and blended learning which have been sent to you by your school will only be used as a back-up in case the circumstances around coronavirus change for the worse.

Information about the return of schools will be published on Dundee City Council's [website](#) where an [FAQ](#) page has been developed.

The council will also continue to distribute the latest information through its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.

We are working closely with the Scottish Government, our staff, trade unions and parent councils to prepare for the reopening of our schools.

However, I can advise you now that it is unlikely that any school will open on 11 August with all of its pupils at exactly the same time, as we will stagger the return of our children and young people to allow transitions to be smooth and for induction back into the buildings. This could happen over the course of a few days during that first week back.

It is also highly unlikely the DCC run breakfast clubs will be in place for the first few weeks of the term. From the beginning of term 1 there will be no facilities in schools to handle cash, therefore, all school meals will need to be paid for through ParentPay.

It has been a very different end to our school year for session 2019-20 and I fully appreciate the difficulties that you have all faced as families during this health crisis.

We will confirm all the exact details to you about your school's arrangements to reopen nearer to 11 August.



If you do have any questions in the meantime, please e-mail children.families@dundeecity.gov.uk

All Dundee schools' staff are looking forward to your children returning and resuming their education in the classroom in August, but in the meantime, I hope you are able to enjoy some family time over the summer holiday period.

Please take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Audrey May', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

AUDREY MAY
Head of Service (Chief Education Officer)