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To: All Parent/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

### **CROSSHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As you are aware, Crosshouse Primary School is also home to Crosshouse Communication Centre. The Communication Centre is a specialist provision for children with social and communication difficulties including Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

The Centre is housed within a mainstream school setting in order to facilitate interaction with mainstream peers. There are also huge benefits for the mainstream children having the Communication Centre pupils growing and learning alongside them. The children gain an invaluable insight and knowledge of others who face different challenges to them and develop a caring, understanding and tolerant outlook which is to be highly commended.

Pupil numbers in the Communication Centre have grown year-on-year and there are plans to extend the school to accommodate this. As a temporary measure in order to relieve the pressure on the school, it has been decided to decant the Primary 5, 6 and 7 mainstream classes over to the Community Centre, into the same building as the Early Childhood Centre. The Early Childhood Centre and the Primary School and Communication Centre are already a shared campus with the one head teacher.

Each of the three classes moving location will have their own teachers, along with Mrs Allan, Principal Teacher, and a classroom assistant on site with them. Mrs Gaitens will make regular visits. Janitorial requirements will be met by Mrs Lusk. The classrooms will be resourced with everything the children currently have access to and there will be no impact on the quality of the experience or learning and teaching the children will receive.

It is envisaged that there will be an 'exceptional closure' day on Friday 9 February, with a view to the extended accommodation provision opening for pupils on Monday 19 February.

We intend to hold a meeting for parents and carers of the Primary 5, 6 and 7 classes early in the new session.

I hope that this is helpful in keeping you informed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Ward'.

ALAN WARD

Head of Education