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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Headteacher Update

I hope you have managed to stay cool during this mini heatwave that we have been having.

Torridon Family Cookbook

We have already had some fabulous entries for our Torridon Family Cookbook with mouthwatering ingredients, outstanding illustrations and lots of lovely family traditions. The closing date for entries is Monday 29th June. Please send us your entries if you have not already done so:

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Government Announcements

There have been a number of new announcements for school this week, including a government commitment to the provision of funding for catch up and tutoring programmes. This is very exciting and very welcome news. We do not have any further details at this point, but will keep you informed as soon as any additional information becomes available.

Microsoft Teams

This week, we have been trialling our new digital learning platform and have had video calls with small groups of children in order to test the system and obtain some feedback. Thank you to all our families who agreed to take part in the trial run. We did have some technical issues and there were lots of questions and suggestions for us to take on board but we hope to have things running more smoothly from now on. Next week, we will be rolling this out on a wider basis. Look out for the email inviting your child to attend and providing details about how to join their class Team meeting.

Music Provision

As you are aware, last year we started to build our creative arts team of specialist teachers. Emily, Flora and Deme have done an amazing job of transforming the art and dance provision at Torridon. I am delighted to tell you that we will be welcoming Chris McCartney to the team in September as a specialist music teacher. Chris taught ukulele lessons at Torridon this year

and has been successfully appointed as a substantive member of the creative arts team in the autumn term.

In addition to class based provision, Chris will be able to offer individual and small group tuition for violin, piano, percussion, guitar and ukulele. In order to help us plan the provision, we are seeking expressions of interest in the first instance. I have attached the details of the potential costs for lessons and an expression of interest form.

If you would like your child to take us up on this offer, please complete the form and return to me by **Friday 10th July 2020**.

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I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Very best wishes



Manda George
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