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Parents/Carer – Primary

Dear Parent/Carer

PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2021

I last wrote to you all at the beginning of term about details on remote learning due to the current lockdown restrictions and promised to keep you updated.

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government has confirmed there will be a phased reopening of schools and face to face teaching from Monday 22 February for all children in P1, P2 and P3. Primary schools will remain open for key worker children and children who would benefit in other year groups.

All P1 – P3 children who are entitled to a free school meal will now access this in school from Monday. However, there will be no breakfast club on offer. We will continue to review this as part of the phased return to school.

For the time being P4 – P7 children will remain at home with remote learning packages in place. The First Minister said yesterday that a further announcement on the next phased return to school will be made on Tuesday 2 March, but it was unlikely that any more pupils will return to face to face learning before Monday 15 March.

I know that this news will bring a mixture of emotions for children and their parents, but I want to reassure our families that our schools and school staff will continue to do the very best they can to support your child's learning during these challenging times.

Our school staff are ready to welcome children back – with updated risk assessments for school buildings and in accordance with the updated advice and guidance published by the Scottish Government. This includes enhanced voluntary testing for all school staff.

Your child's school will continue to be in touch with any updates and I want to take this opportunity again to thank all our families, children and young people for their continued support as we do all that we can to help suppress the virus.

We've now reached a milestone – a year living with this pandemic – but with the roll out of the vaccine and a decrease of infection rates we just need to keep going for a little while longer.

I will be back in touch with updated information in the next couple of weeks and please contact your school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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