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Dear Parents and Carers

I apologise for contacting you again so soon after my last update. I am writing to you with what I hope will be the final update before the holidays. We have received some further guidance from the Scottish Government on plans for reopening schools in January. You can find this guidance at the following link :

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-school-re-opening-arrangements-for-january-2021/>

Here is a summary of the key information you will want to know:

1. From the 6th January to the 8th January (1:20pm) the school will be open to provide childcare for keyworkers who have children at the school if required. This provision is for parents who meet the key worker criteria set out in the guidance in the link above and who have exhausted all other childcare possibilities. The school will also be open to a small number of pupils with special circumstances. We will contact you and offer you a place if your child meets this criteria. This is childcare provision and while the school will put a programme of activities in place normal school learning will not be delivered. If you are key worker parents or carers and wish to book a place for your children please email or phone the school.
2. For all other pupils the holidays have been extended until 10th January.
3. From the 11th January - 15th January pupils will engage in remote learning as set out in my last update. Pupils will access this learning at home. [We have posted on the website a guide to parents and carers indicating how this will work, how pupils will access this learning and what to expect.](#) Should anyone experience any difficulty in accessing the work from 11th January please email the school so we can help.
4. From 11th January -15th January the school will be open to children of key workers as set out above. The school will also be open to support some children with special circumstances. When in school the pupils will be supported to access the same online learning resources as other pupils
5. At present it is planned that all pupils in Scotland will return to in-school learning from the 18th January.
6. From the 6th January onwards, subject to ongoing review, we will be returning to Tier 4 measures. This means that everyone in the building will be required to wear a mask at all times (unless exempt or when eating and drinking). Everyone will also be required to follow the existing rules and procedures in place to keep us all as safe as possible.
7. At Tier 4 all PE will take place out of doors.
8. Current advice for Tier 4 is that children on the shielding list and at high clinical risk should not attend school in person. Any decision to attend school should be made after taking medical advice from the clinical team caring for the child to ensure an appropriate risk assessment is in place. If a child in this situation is unable to attend school we will provide remote learning for them. Our PC&S and Hub staff will contact the parents of any of our pupils if this is the case to ensure plans are in place

9. Free School Meal payments will be made directly to parents during the time pupils are not attending school. Any pupil who attends school from the 6th January will be able to access a Free School Meal from the canteen at lunchtime.
10. Due to the delayed start to the term we have changed the dates for our first National 5 assessment window. These assessments will now start on the 18th January. [We have reposted the information on National 5 assessment plans and dates on the school website](#)

As we all know by now plans such as this can be subject to change with very little notice so we will let you know should the situation change. Thank you for your understanding, ongoing support and let's hope this will be the last time this term that I will be wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Kas Mohamed

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