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Parents/Carer – Primary

Dear Parent/Carer

### PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE – MARCH 2021

I promised I would write to families when we got confirmation of the date when our remaining primary (P4 - P7) pupils can be back in school following the current lockdown.

The Scottish Government has announced that from Monday 15 March all primary pupils will be able to return to school.

This is great news for all our families, and I'm delighted that our children will be back in class and our primary schools are ready to welcome all their pupils.

Our breakfast clubs will be starting again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, but in order to assist with our planning, we would be grateful if you could inform the school if your child will be attending. Your child's school will advise on the best way to do this. After school care is also allowed to restart and your own provider will be advising you about their arrangements.

Our school staff have updated risk assessments for their school buildings. Children will still have to be careful around the school with arrangements in place, such as, set seats on school transport, staggered breaks and lunch times, one-way systems, etc but our children are all used to this from before.

We have also had voluntary testing for all primary school staff since Monday 22 February.

Could I also remind you to follow the advice and guidance when bringing and collecting your child from school? Face coverings should be worn unless you are exempt, and you should ensure that you are keeping a 2m distance from other adults.

I know some of you have been disappointed at the lack of parents' evenings. We are hoping that if the virus continues to be suppressed that we will be able to consider arrangements to enable you to be fully informed about your child's progress during the next term.

I want to take this opportunity once 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 – this has been a very challenging year for everyone but it's looking much more hopeful now.

Let's hope that there will be no need for me to be back in touch for the rest of the school year and please contact your school if you have any questions.

You can find the latest Scottish Government advisory group information on the return to school here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advisory-sub-group-on-education-and-childrens-issues---phased-return-to-in-person-learning-in-schools-and-elc-settings---next-steps/>

Yours sincerely

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