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Welcome Back Letter from the Director of Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin a new school session, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all of our children, young people, families and staff across Glasgow's schools and nurseries.

I hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break and that your child returns refreshed, ready to embrace the many opportunities that lie ahead. The start of a new academic year is always a time of optimism, ambition and renewed focus, and we look forward to supporting every young person to achieve their very best.

I would like to recognise the remarkable dedication, resilience and hard work shown by our young people throughout the past year. Their commitment to learning continues to inspire us. Equally, I want to acknowledge the invaluable support provided by parents and carers. The encouragement, guidance and partnership that you offer at home plays a vital role in helping our children and young people succeed.

This strong partnership between schools, families and young people is reflected in the positive outcomes we continue to see across the city. We have seen encouraging improvements in attainment, including strong performance in national qualifications and continued progress in literacy and numeracy. These achievements are a testament to the efforts of our young people, the dedication of our staff and the unwavering support of parents and carers.

While we are proud of this progress, we remain ambitious for every learner. We know there is still more to do, and our schools and staff will continue to work relentlessly to raise standards, close gaps in attainment and ensure that every child and young person is supported to reach their full potential. We are committed to providing the highest quality learning experiences and to helping all learners develop the skills, confidence and aspirations they need for the future.

I also want to reassure parents and carers that the recent disturbances witnessed in parts of our city have no place in our schools. Our schools and nurseries must be safe, welcoming and inclusive environments where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. Headteachers and staff will continue to uphold the highest standards of behaviour and conduct, ensuring that our schools remain places of learning, kindness and respect for all young people, regardless of their background, identity or beliefs.

As we look ahead to the year before us, I would like to thank you once again for the support you provide. Our parents and carers are central to the success of our schools and nurseries, and I hope to see that support continue throughout the coming year. By working together, we can ensure that every child and young person in Glasgow is empowered to achieve their potential and realise their ambitions.

I wish all of our children, young people, staff and families a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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