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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Term 4 - Session 2019/20**

I write to you at an unprecedented time as we are all coping with the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic and new ways of delivering education. Firstly I thank you all for your commitment to supporting your child(ren)'s learning during the school closure period so far. You have embraced the digital and physical learning packs which you have received from your child's school and I have been overwhelmed with the innovative approaches emerging on various social media platforms. Life is all about learning and every new experience or skill developed is part of a vast suite of learning activities. It has been great to see those who have learnt to ride a bike for the first time, been baking, watching lambs being born daily, undertaking science experiments or even following the research about the virus.

As we return to a period of further remote learning I call on you again to support your child as staff prepare for further learning experiences. The most important thing at this time is to try and keep a sense of routine for children and there are some great examples of timetables to support you with this to break the day up into a range of activities. Some children have continued to have access to school buildings where childcare has been provided for essential key workers. It has been wonderful to see the vast range of activities for children and this service will continue in the weeks ahead.

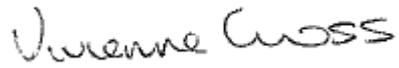
I know you will have some anxieties and questions around those activities which would normally occur over the course of a school year, for example annual reports, transition arrangements and other term 4 activities. Please be assured that we will be working with school staff over the course of the next few weeks and your child's school will be in touch with you further using the usual methods of communication. They will plan an end to the year and include as many of the normal activities as possible, albeit in a different way. I have written separately to those parents of senior phase pupils who will have anxieties about the exams being cancelled.

As national information is updated and advice is received about access to schools, other than those being used for childcare, I will write to you again to provide you with further information. In the meantime your child's school will be in touch with you to keep you updated on learning and other activities as well as supporting any questions or queries you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact them. If you

are experiencing difficulties you can refer any queries to [Education@moray.gov.uk](mailto:Education@moray.gov.uk) or by calling 01343 563374.

Thank you once again, be safe, take care and continue to follow the advice we are being given on a daily basis.

Yours sincerely



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