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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of our final term of session 2020/21 I write to thank you all for your support, encouragement and understanding throughout the course of the last school year. We totally understand that for some of you it has been difficult coping with the many restrictions and mitigations in place, particularly when these differ to those for society. Unfortunately we have to adhere to the guidance provided by the Scottish Government and so have had to put in place, on occasion, processes and procedures which we know has been a challenge, at times, for yourselves and your children. Please be assured that our Head Teachers and Managers have implemented the guidance taking into consideration their own contexts and in some cases they have had to further restrict access or have additional mitigations to keep children safe.

Yesterday, the First Minister set out further plans and confirmed that a move to Level 0 will not happen for Moray next week. This coincides with the first week of the summer holidays and so a reminder to adhere to the rules for Level one at this time. It is hoped that by the time school returns that we will move to Level 0 however we will not know this until July.

Over the course of the year we have tried to keep you updated as things have changed and varied our communication style to try to meet the needs of all, based on feedback which we have gratefully received. We will update you from our central teams if there are any changes from 16 August to the mitigations in place as children return.

Our sincere thanks once again for your patience and tolerance, particularly during the periods of remote learning as our staff and yourselves became upskilled in new ways of working and supporting children. This has been a year of learning for us all and we will take time over the summer to reflect and consider any changes to be made in future. Wishing all children who are leaving us, the very best as they move on to the next pathway in their lives.

Have a lovely restful, relaxing and recharging summer with your families and friends and continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Vivienne Cross
Head of Education (Chief Education Officer)