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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, the First Minister announced that schools and nurseries will remain closed for the majority of pupils until mid-February as part of lockdown measures across mainland Scotland. These measures will be reviewed by Scottish Government on Tuesday 2 February.

This means remote learning will continue for the majority of children and young people in Renfrewshire. Our schools and nurseries will remain open for children of key workers and for those children who social work and school teams determine are vulnerable and in need of a place.

I want to reassure you that schools and nurseries continue to follow all national guidance to ensure that our children and young people, their families and our staff are safe and feel confident in their environment. Since children and young people returned in August, our schools and nurseries have worked incredibly hard to ensure everyone's safety and we have robust safety and hygiene measures in place. They have also worked with NHS public health and the council's environmental health teams to ensure that all close contacts of anyone who tests positive for Covid-19 are identified and asked to self-isolate.

### **Transport and school meals**

Home to school transport will continue for any child who normally receives this service and is currently attending school as a child of a key worker or a vulnerable child or young person. When schools and nurseries return, home to school transport will be available as normal for all children and young people who normally receive this service.

School meals will continue to be available for those attending school, either to buy or to receive a free school meal if they are eligible to receive one.

For children and young people eligible for a free school meal on the basis of low income, we will continue to make financial payments in lieu of free school meals. We will update our website with the latest dates as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely

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Steven Quinn  
Director of Children's Services