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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, during the current lockdown restrictions across Scotland, most school pupils are learning from home, with additional provision for children who need to attend school.

You will also be aware that the First Minister has strengthened the obligation on employers to allow their staff to work from home wherever possible and has stated that this should extend to everyone who previously worked from home during the March lockdown. She has confirmed that statutory guidance will make clear employers must support people to work from home.

As a parent or carer who previously requested access to school as a key worker and confirmed that no one was able to work from home, I recognise that circumstances will now change for some families as a result of this statement from government. I respectfully ask that where your own circumstances are able to change and you are now able to work from home, that you please confirm to your child's school that you no longer require a place and your child(ren) no longer attend school.

There will still be a requirement to provide access to schools for children of key workers where their job cannot be accommodated through working from home and please be reassured our schools remain committed to providing this service and your child should continue attending school on the days that you have stated support is required.

I do not underestimate the challenge of balancing work commitments with supporting your child's learning at home and please be assured your child's school will do everything possible to continue to support their learning through the remote platforms and other supports in place.

Your patience and continued support is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Quinn", followed by a long horizontal line.

Steven Quinn  
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