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Dear Parent/Carer

Expectations around remote learning

I would like to thank you and your children for the way you have adapted to the changes to learning at the start of this term. Your child's school will have shared how to access home learning and the expectations of children.

I have been very impressed by the way all staff have adapted to ensure that children and young people continue to benefit from good quality learning. I would like to thank them for working tirelessly to plan for and deliver remote learning.

As we move forward, schools are continuing to look at new and innovative ways to deliver good quality experiences for all of our learners. It is my intention once again to gather the views of parents, staff and children to reflect on the remote learning and teaching we are providing and how well it is supporting our children. A survey will be issued over the next two weeks to gather views on what is working and how we might do things better.

Remote learning does not replicate what normally takes place in school. It is important that children continue to make progress. It is expected that children take part in the learning provided by the school and respond to the activities and tasks set. If you are experiencing challenges or your child is not engaging in learning then please contact the school.

As part of our approach to ensuring the wellbeing, privacy and safety of all staff and children it is important that there is **no recording, screenshots or sharing of any live teaching**. This could potentially be a breach of data protection regulations, but is also very discourteous. Please speak with your child to ensure that they are aware this is not permitted. Please also consider ways to protect privacy, for example by ensuring a neutral/ blurred background.

Finally I understand that families are facing many challenges at this time. Websites such as Parent Club Scotland (www.parentclub.scot) provide a good source of additional information.

I very much appreciate all you are doing to support remote learning. With the roll out of the vaccine taking place, hopefully this will be the last period of extended closure and an end is in sight.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Hutchison".

Douglas Hutchison
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