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Dear Parent Guardian & Staff

We are beginning to come out of lockdown and we need your help to make sure we keep driving down infections in your area. It can be difficult to stick to the rules & tempting to nip to a friend's house or maybe to let your children play indoors with other children. Parts of Lanarkshire @nlcpeople @southlanarkshirecouncil are not seeing the same reduction as other areas because people are not social distancing. No one wants restrictions to be put back in place. Together we can all move safely out of lockdown by following all the advice on social distancing – 2m distance, face masks and hand washing at all times. For more info on the rules in lockdown visit:

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/factsheet/2021/01/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-infographic/documents/stay-at-home-infographic/stay-at-home-infographic/govscot%3Adocument/Stay%2Bat%2Bhome%2Binfographic%2B-%2B26%2BMarch%2B2021.pdf>

Easter is coming. Infections are going down in most areas in Lanarkshire. We're moving in the right direction. @nlcpeople @southlanarkshirecouncil but we know new coronavirus outbreaks can still happen. Children may be back at school but they should not be having sleepovers or parties & parents should not be socialising with other parents. Find out more on about the number of cases in your area at:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/phs.covid.19#!/vizhome/COVID-19DailyDashboard_15960160643010/Overview

We are asking everyone across Lanarkshire to help us stop further the spread of coronavirus and get safely out of lockdown. As the restrictions ease, we all need to remember FACTS – face coverings, avoid crowds, clean hands, two metre distance, self-isolate and get tested. There are no excuses for gathering at the school gates, parks or attending other people's houses. These actions increase the chance of spreading the virus without knowing it & the more the virus spreads the greater the risk of new strains taking hold. Even if you've had the vaccine you still need to keep following FACTS.

You, your family and friends can make sure the infection stops spreading in your area by keeping your distance, wearing your mask and washing your hands.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabe Docherty', written in a cursive style.

Gabe Docherty
Director of Public Health