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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to the First Minister's announcement today, you will be aware that the scientific advice and evidence in relation to the current suppression of COVID-19 will allow the full time return to Early Learning and Childcare and P1-3 children to schools and ELC settings from 22 February. The senior phase will return for practical subjects, and we will be working closely with our schools to determine what this means for your child. Please note that this is subject to further confirmation by the Scottish Government prior to the 22 February.

We are delighted that the situation is moving forward, and that we can physically welcome some of our children and young people back into our schools and early years settings. Our Head Teachers and staff are very much looking forward to seeing them again.

Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to attend under the same arrangements as they have been since 6 January, unless they are in one of the above stages. Please note that the attendance of pupils in the senior phase will be determined by your child's school and further information will be provided in due course. For those learning at home, teachers will continue to deliver remote learning experiences based on children's and young people's current learning targets.

As before, all schools and ELC settings have been risk assessed with colleagues from our Health and Safety service, with enhanced health and safety measures and protocols in place that follow the current public health and government guidance.

All children and young people who attend an ELC setting or school will be provided with lunch. For those in the Senior Phase, a lunch can be provided.

Please note that there will be no provision for vulnerable and key worker children in our schools during the February break and on the in-service day on 15 February.

We would like to thank you for your continued support as we develop our plans following this very recent announcement. We will keep you updated with any further information via our usual channels of communication.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Robertson".

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