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Dear Parent/Carer

You will have heard about the Scottish Government's review of the current Covid-19 lockdown last week and the First Minister's announcement on 2 February regarding plans for more children to return to nurseries and schools.

To summarise, from Monday 22 February:

- Children who are at nursery will return fully to the placement they had prior to the Christmas break;
- Children in P1-3 will make a full return to school
- Pupils in the senior phase (S4-6) will return, in small numbers, to participate in learning for those subjects which have a large element of practical work or are mostly practical

Arrangements for the above will be confirmed by the Scottish Government on Tuesday 16 February. In the meantime we will be working with nursery managers and Head Teachers to plan and coordinate this latest phase of recovery.

All other primary and secondary pupils, except those of key workers or identified to attend, will continue to engage in remote learning until announced otherwise.

In line with the announcement regarding the expansion of testing, we are currently planning the logistics of this for staff and senior phase pupils. More details to follow.

We know that this continues to be a very challenging and anxious time for families across Moray, particularly as the lockdown continues. Please do not hesitate to contact the nursery or school your child attends if you have concerns regarding remote learning. The change of weather also poses challenges as well as opportunities and we hope you have managed to enjoy some outdoor fun during the long weekend.

Once again, our sincere thanks for your continued support and understanding. Please stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Education (Chief Education Officer)