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## PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you following yesterday afternoon's announcement by the Depute First Minister on the full time reopening of education establishments in Scotland in August.

Based on current scientific evidence, the national guidance is that we should prepare for all children and young people to return to school and Early Learning and Childcare Centres (ELCC) full-time on Wednesday, 12 August, 2020.

The DFM has stressed that the return of pupils to full-time education is dependent on the continued suppression of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and current progress remaining on track.

On Tuesday you will have received details from your school on the blended model of in-school and at home learning. This will now be our contingency plan available in the event that we need to enact it.

The Council will continue to be guided by and stringently follow the scientific evidence and advice from Public Health Scotland to safely re-open our education establishments.

We will now develop plans for August based on the Scottish Government guidance and as soon as these plans are finalised, schools will be in contact with families directly and before the start of the new term.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Mason".

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