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Parents/Carer – ASL schools

Dear Parent/Carer

#### ASL SCHOOL UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2021

I last wrote to you all at the beginning of term about details on remote learning due to the current lockdown restrictions and promised to keep you updated.

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government has confirmed there will be a phased reopening of schools and face to face teaching from Monday 22 February for all children in P1, P2 and P3 along with a small percentage of senior pupils to complete work for SQA qualifications.

All P1 – P3 children who are entitled to a free school meal will now access this in school from Monday.

For the time being the children and young people in P4 to P7 and S1 to S6 will remain in the same position as before. Your school will be keeping in touch with you on what can be offered for your child whether that is support at home for remote learning or time in-school to complement this.

The First Minister said yesterday that a further announcement on the next phased return to school will be made on Tuesday 2 March, but it was unlikely that any more pupils will return to face to face learning before Monday 15 March.

I know that this news will bring a mixture of emotions for children and their parents, but I want to reassure our families that our schools and school staff will continue to do the best they can to support your child's learning during these challenging times.

Our school staff are ready to welcome P1 to P3 children back – with updated risk assessments for school buildings and in accordance to the updated advice and guidance published by the Scottish Government. This includes voluntary testing for staff.

Your child's school will continue to be in touch with any updates and I want to take this opportunity again to thank all our families, children and young people for their continued support as we do all that we can to help suppress the virus.

We've now reached a milestone – a year living with this pandemic – but with the roll out of the vaccine and a decrease of infection rates we just need to keep going for a little while longer.

I will be back in touch with updated information in the next couple of weeks and please contact your school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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