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Dear Parents / Carers

You will be aware that the First Minister announced last week that the current period of restrictions is to be extended until at least the end of February. This includes the continuation of remote learning for most children and young people apart from those who have key worker places.

However she did indicate that Early Years provision and a full-time return to the classroom for children in P1-P3 may be possible from the week beginning 22 February if the prevalence rate of the virus in Scotland continues to fall.

There would also be a part-time return, on a very limited basis, for senior phase secondary pupils which would allow them to complete work for SQA qualifications. However, only 5% to 8% of a secondary school's pupil roll will be allowed to be in school for this purpose.

A final decision will be announced by the First Minister on 16 February but we are working towards getting those children and young people who will be allowed, back into the classroom in a way that is safe for both them and our education staff.

Our current provision for remote learning across Clackmannanshire will continue until there is a full return to school for all pupils.

We will continue to update you as and when we receive further guidance from the Scottish Government.

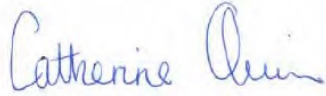
The Covid-19 asymptomatic testing programme for school/ELC staff and senior phase pupils has started this week. The programme was announced by the Scottish Government on 2 February <https://www.gov.scot/news/new-measures-to-tackle-virus/> in order to support the return to schools and ELC.

We understand this is a difficult time and we would like to thank you for the support you have shown our education staff in helping them to ensure the continued learning of all our children and young people.

We are proud and impressed by the resilience you and your children or young people have shown in these challenging times. We know this has not been an easy task while some may be juggling work or caring commitments

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or young person, please get in touch with your individual school / ELC.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a long, sweeping underline.

Catherine Quinn
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