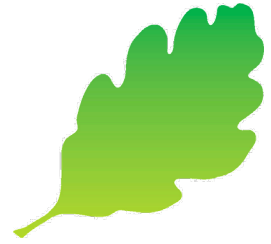


15th October 2021



Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of the first term I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we continue to manage the impact of the pandemic on the day-to-day running of our schools and at times your child's education. It has not been the start to the session that we would all have liked but it is important that we adhere to the guidance provided by the Scottish Government to keep both staff and children safe.

I am hopeful that we will receive updated health and safety guidance over the October holiday period, easing some of the current measures in place. Please note that any change in our current health and safety measures will be implemented during the first weeks of the new term. You will receive a communication directly from your child's school after the break to inform you of any change and what this means for you and your child.

At the start of the new term we are also planning to begin to reopen our school dining halls. As many of our catering staff are currently deployed to undertake the additional 'touch point' cleaning we will be taking a phased approach to reopening our dining halls to serve school lunches. The current menus will continue until the new term in January. Your child's school will issue you with details on the proposed opening dates for their dining hall.

Once again thank you for your continued support and I hope that you and your family enjoy the October break. 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". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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