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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the current position regarding pupils returning to their school in Midlothian. The Scottish Government will announce more details and guidance on the reopening of schools tomorrow, Thursday 30 July.

However, based on current information, we anticipate our primary schools will be able to re-open to all children at the start of the academic session on Wednesday 12 August with no social distancing, if the coronavirus remains suppressed.

Subject to confirmation tomorrow, we expect that all of our secondary schools will have all children and young people in full time by 18 August at the very latest.

If your child attends or is due to attend Saltersgate School or one of our specialist provisions a member of staff will be in touch, prior to the start of term, to let you know the individual arrangements.

If you have any concerns about your child's return to school, please contact your child's school directly from 10 August.

We will finalise details of our plans for reopening schools, early learning and childcare settings and specialist provisions after the Scottish Government's announcement tomorrow and will share this information with you as a matter of priority. Please note this will include information on aspects such as school lunches, uniform, equipment and home to school transport, as well as health and safety and hygiene measures that will be in place.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation as we await the legal direction from the Scottish Government to reopen our schools and the updated guidance to do so safely. Our staff are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and working closely with you to progress their learning and achievements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona Robertson".

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