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Dear Parent/Carer

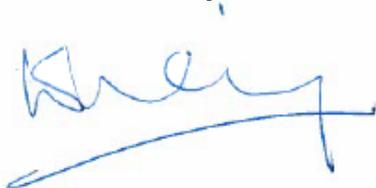
We are now at the halfway point in the first term of school year 2020 – 2021 and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support of our schools at this time. I have been holding virtual engagement sessions with Parent Council Chairs over the course of the last week and the week before and it always great to see how many parents and carers are engaging positively and proactively with our schools.

The return to school has generally gone well, although the school environment is very different and rightly so given that we are now learning to live alongside Covid-19. This requires all members of a school community to take responsibility and follow the measures put in place to protect everyone. All Aberdeenshire schools are following the guidance as issued by Scottish Government and all are engaged in an ongoing assessment of risk to keep young people and adults safe. It is essential that everyone plays their part in this effort. I would encourage you to continue talking to your own child(ren) about the importance of following the procedures and measures the school has put in place. Furthermore, I would urge you as parents and carers to follow the instructions the school is giving, particularly with regards to drop-off and pick-up arrangements. This is for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

A number of questions have been asked by parents since the return to school and we have used these to prepare a Frequently Asked Questions bulletin which I hope you will find useful. It is attached to this letter.

I wish you and your families well at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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