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Dear Parent/Carer

Return to School in January Update

As you will now be aware the First Minister announced on Saturday significant preventative measures for all local authorities starting on Boxing Day. Her full speech can be found here [FM's Speech](#).

The Scottish Government had published advice yesterday for schools and local authorities regarding the return to school in January.

The advice published yesterday can be accessed via the following link

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-school-re-opening-arrangements-for-january-2021/pages/purpose-and-background/>

All Midlothian Headteachers will be meeting this afternoon and I hope to share more information with you before we finish at 3.20pm. It may be that the exact details will be communicated to you from the 6th of January.

We have contingency plans in place which we shared with you in October and we will be using these as the basis of our January plans.

Senior Phase Formal Assessments

Senior Phase formal assessments were scheduled to start on the 11th of January. These will **not** take place in the format we had planned and will now be postponed to a later date. Ms McGlade will share more details in due course.

Thank you again for your patience and support.

Best wishes

Lynn Black