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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all Stranraer Academy staff, to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Like you, we are hoping for a better year ahead and an end to the challenges and uncertainties that we have endured this year as a consequence of Covid-19.

Given the marked increase in positive cases in Dumfries & Galloway, and particularly in the Stranraer area, I write to re-assure you that the school, in conjunction with the Education Directorate and Public Health professionals, is doing everything it can to ensure a safe return for pupils on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Given the local context, this may mean some changes to arrangements; as ever, be assured that we will be following all Scottish Government and Local Authority advice as and when we get it.

Please be advised that Stranraer Academy will be open to the children of key workers who have previously booked, as well as those who are classed as vulnerable, from 6<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January for childcare purposes. For the children of key workers, this provision should only be utilised as a last resort, when all other possible options have been exhausted. Please note that in school activities will take the form of a Homework Club. Pupil Support staff will be making contact with families who are classed as vulnerable on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to discuss how the school can best support them.

Between 11<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> January, learning for all young people – other than those in the above categories – will be remote and facilitated through Microsoft Teams. More information will follow about this next week. As you know, the situation is an evolving one therefore we will update you again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Finally, I hope this letter re-assures you that we are working in partnership with all relevant sectors to ensure a safe return to school when the time comes, but in a way that will keep the community safe.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alicia Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alicia Reid  
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