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Dear Parents & Carers

As Executive Chief Officer Education, Chair of the Education Committee and Chair of the Highland Parent Council Partnership we are writing to wish you the very best for the Christmas and New Year period.

We would like to thank you for the support you have given to our schools in helping deliver education to our children and young people in challenging times. You have helped support our young people to settle into a school day which is very different for anything they have ever experienced before. They have had to adapt to many changes, with the increased focus on health & safety and adaptations to how our curriculum is delivered to comply with Covid guidance. In addition, some families have had been asked to self-isolate. By working collaboratively with parents, schools and our digital teams during this time we tried to ensure that disruption to learning has been minimised.

As we head towards the Christmas break, at last there is some light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine programme beginning to roll out. We hope that by the end of next term we will have cause to feel more positive about the future and that you will be able to begin to catch a glimpse of a world where schools are beginning to return to normal.

We hope that you will find time in the festive period to relax and enjoy the company of your family. We look forward to welcoming all our children and young people back to school in the New Year, which we trust will be a time of increasing optimism.

With best wishes



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