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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week you received letters from Nicky Grant, Head of Education and Paul Senior, Executive Chief Officer for Education. They updated you on Highland's current plans. I am sure that you will appreciate that it is a fast moving picture and that things may change during the holidays.

Our current plan is to have a phased approach to our first week.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August: Staff In-service day  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August: S1 and S6 only  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August: S2 and S3 only  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August: S4 and S5 only

The following week- everyone back in school every day!

Pupils will be receiving invitations to google classrooms and the focus will be on health and well-being activities during that first week. This arrangement is for the first week only and is intended as a reorientation period to welcome pupils back and to focus on mental health and well-being. We know that pupils have had a range of learning experiences during lockdown and this time will also give us an opportunity to identify areas of need.

We will be in touch again after the SQA results come out on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August.

We will then be in a position to give you the finer details of what I hope will be the beginning of a normal school session.

Thank you for all your support and patience over the past three months. It has been challenging time for all of us. I believe however that we have worked well in partnership and that we have been successful in providing the young people of Skye and Raasay with a relevant and fulfilling learning experience.

As always if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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I wish you and your family a safe, happy and enjoyable holiday.

Yours faithfully

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