



Dear Families, Parents and Carers,

This year has started very differently from the way we had hoped or wanted it to. However, a positive the staff team from Humbie and Saltoun have taken from this difficult time is how fantastic our children have been whilst engaging with remote learning. We have been so impressed with the effort and creativity our children have utilised when engaging with their tasks. We hope you have enjoyed our 'Spotlights on our Learning' we have been sharing on Twitter as much as we have enjoyed creating them.

All school buildings will be closed 8th-15th February inclusive for the mid-term holiday. Staff will engage in collegiate activities for the In-service day on the 15th February. Applications for [Key Worker places](#) for 16th-19th February inclusive have now reopened, and will close on the 7th February. Families who have already been allocated a place for their child do not need to reapply, but please remember to keep us informed of any changes to your work patterns or child care arrangements and you do not need your place.

Saltoun Primary School will reopen for in-school learning for Key Worker and vulnerable children, for children who have been allocated a Keyworker place from 16th-19th February inclusive. For all other learners, remote learning will again commence from the 16th February.

I know that following the [First Minister's announcement](#) last Tuesday, re the phased return of children to school from the 22nd February, you will have many questions. However we are awaiting guidance from the Scottish Government as to how this will take place and will share information with you as soon as it is made available.

We miss our learners very much and are very keen to get all of our children back to school as soon as possible. However, we must follow all the appropriate advice to ensure we minimise the risk of transmission within our community. We continue to work very hard to ensure that our protocols follow the most up to date Scottish Government guidance, in preparation for their return.

When we do welcome our ELC and P1-3 children back to school, we will return to operating at our respective Primary school settings at Humbie and Saltoun. The phased return to school will provide its own challenges, but we are already considering how we can continue to provide high quality in-school and remote learning. Again, we will share how this will work with you as soon as we can.

Although we are spending another school holiday in lockdown, we hope you manage to have some fun, get outdoors and be active. We have provided you a '**10 things to do in the community**' grid. We hope that you take the challenge and would love to see photos of your activities on Twitter – please tag us! We have also challenged our learners to think of some ideas to include in the next grid.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to our 'Remote Learning' survey. It is really important to us to gather feedback and to gather your comments and suggestions. The survey will remain live for the time being – so if you haven't completed it – please take the time to do it over the next few days.

The staff team of Saltoun and Humbie Primary schools would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for your ongoing support.

We hope you have a relaxing mid-term break.

Please take care, stay safe and we will see you soon!

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