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Dear parent/carer,

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents/ carers for their continued patience and support and for encouraging your child to participate in practical PE lessons – it has been greatly appreciated.

As you will be aware, last term, we were fortunate to have avoided significant, prolonged periods of poor weather. However, as we move deeper into Autumn/ Winter there is little doubt that the weather will turn and that conditions will continue to deteriorate. At present Scottish Government guidelines regarding PE lessons have not altered. This means that pupils should continue to arrive at school in their PE kit on days when physical education lessons will take place. It also means that, for the time being, all PE lessons will take place outside. **Therefore, we continue to encourage pupils to come to PE dressed appropriately to participate in PE ie wear suitable footwear, wrap up warm, wear layers and where possible bring a rain jacket and waterproof trousers.**

I would like to reassure you that we are closely monitoring Scottish Government guidelines and should there be any changes which allow us to alter the current offering in PE (ie using indoor facilities) then we will do so at the earliest opportunity. In the mean time, PE staff will continually monitor weather and carry out Risk Assessments relating to weather conditions for teaching outside on a period by period basis. If it is dry or there is a light drizzle then practical PE lessons will go ahead outside as planned. However, if there has been heavy rainfall before/ during a lesson which raises considerable Health & Safety concerns, then pupils will be taken to an inside facility by their PE teacher for a theory based lesson as an alternative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. Milne

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