

Parent and Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the summer break, I have been reflecting on the months since I took up post as Service Director back in December, 2024 and am deeply appreciative of the privilege it is to lead the Education Service in Scotland's capital city. I am sure you will join with me in thanking our staff teams, who work in our schools and settings, who work incredibly hard to support our young people and families through high quality learning experiences in school and in their wider lives.

I want to thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and greatly respect your role as an active partner in learning. Your involvement and contribution really make a difference – both to your own child's learning and to the delivery of our Edinburgh Learns for Life Vision for Education. I look forward to continuing to build on this partnership as we move forward into next session and beyond.

I am delighted to acknowledge the individual successes of our young people across our schools and settings and am working with colleagues in the Communications and Media Teams to ensure we share these successes more widely – both locally and nationally. However, I am also aware that we experience challenges too and would urge you to reach out should you have any questions or concerns. We are always here to help and support in our collective ambition to ensure the best outcomes for our young people.

As we go forward, I am confident that we will continue to make further improvements and take our practice in exciting and innovative directions to deliver our Edinburgh Learns for Life Vision for Education. This will include the implementation of our new Inclusion model which is designed to move our people and resources closer to those we serve. We will continue to focus on Excellence and Equity and on improving outcomes for all learners, through the provision of high-quality learning and teaching, and through their wider experiences, which contribute to their success and wellbeing.

I am looking forward to Session 2025-26 with great hope and excitement and hope that you are too. I should like to wish you, and your family, a wonderful break doing what you enjoy most with those you hold dear.

Warm Regards



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