It is almost a year now since Covid 19 changed the way we have been asked to live our lives but you've responded amazingly. I want to say thank you to you all for your hard work, resilience and the remarkable way that you have responded to the various challenges you've been asked to overcome. It has been wonderful to welcome you back to school! We are so proud of you and I know how much you will be looking forward to your Easter holidays!

With the holidays approaching, it is

more important than ever that we all follow the guidance given to us and I am writing to you directly to remind you to please remember to follow it. By doing so we can continue looking forward to more quickly returning to a more 'normal' way of life.

Unfortunately we still cannot do some things we might normally have done - such as having friends over into our homes and having sleepovers. It also means that we cannot travel together in a friend's car to go somewhere for a day. However, there are still lots of ways you can enjoy your holiday and have lots of fun!

We are lucky to have so many fantastic things on our doorsteps that we can enjoy safely. Why not visit one



of our beautiful parks, go dolphin hunting at Torry battery, create some temporary art on the sands of Aberdeen beach or perhaps go hunting for shells and sea creatures? Those of you feeling particularly adventurous might even want



to book a canoeing trip at **Rubislaw Quarry!** There is also a whole range of **walks and trails** for you to explore. Please visit our **website** for lots of other suggestions.

Eleanor Sheppard Chief Education Officer, Aberdeen City Council





Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in April.