The questions below are a synthesis of a variety of inputs from Parent Councils and parents, which Highland Council will try to address during the Q&A session of the meeting.

Other questions raised during the meeting will be noted and addressed at the earliest opportunity.

* Staffing issues in schools: some are facing huge challenges and many gaps, so is the recruitment freeze now over, when will HC advertise and recruit, and will most jobs be permanent contracts, not time-limited?
* How long will children actually have in school during the week in terms of number of days in school and actual face-to-face contact hours per week?  How will disruptive behaviour and bullying be handled in the new environment, not least to avoid loss of precious in-school contact time?
* Do schools have any options and additional resources available to increase physical space capacity to offset social distancing by hiring in temporary classrooms, using any donated portacabins, or utilizing local community facilities (off-campus) otherwise still closed? As Pupil Equity Fund restrictions have been lifted by the Scottish Govt, can HT use 2020-2021 PEF in any way they wish?
* What training and support is being given to Teachers to equip them for the new way of learning, and will they be ready in August and beyond?  For example, are the secondary schools prepared for evidence gathering (in case of more disruption) and the challenges of teaching for National 4/6, Higher and Advanced Higher?
* What are the priorities for learning, eg: recovering lost ground; re-engaging those pupils disengaged and not thriving in the digital / blended environment; support to those with the greatest ASN; prioritizing those taking qualifications in 2021? How will these be reassessed and adjusted after August?
* Appeals to the SQA over August 2020 results: are schools ready for a deluge of appeals if they come?
* Can parents expect two (or more) schools they have children in to coordinate the attendance days for all their children so that parents can at least return to part-time working? Who should lead that?