



April 20/20

Dear parent/ carer,

Please find below further information in relation to the ongoing school closure, arrangements for NQ courses and keeping in touch.

The Easter holiday is ordinarily an opportunity for pupils/teachers and support staff to recharge their batteries after the long Jan- March term. The exceptions to this rule in this holiday period are our Senior Phase pupils who would have been revising & preparing for their SQA exam diet. However, this year this has all been turned on its head with the cancellation of the NQ exams.

In line with National guidance the school is still in lock down for the next 3 weeks. School staff have been preparing for the continued delivery of a wide range of services to families and young people, this includes our learning environment.

With the new school term beginning on 20 April school staff have been preparing for the return to online learning. Pupils in S1/2/3 should continue to work on class TEAMS work posted by class teachers. Some teachers posted assignment work for completing after the Easter break and your child will be familiar with these deadlines.

During last term the school undertook the process of course choice. Senior pupils were invited to express preferences for curriculum courses to study in session 20/21. During the course of this week you will receive a letter from the school to confirm the choices selected by your child. Should you have any concerns/queries about this please contact your child's Guidance teacher in the first instance.

The school is preparing to move senior pupils forward into the new timetable in a staged & planned manner. The first stage will be to offer English/Maths to pupils studying NQ courses. The process will be confirmed to parents and pupils by the end of this week - 20 April. The model that the school will deliver will comprise of classes of N4/N5/N6 (Higher)/N7 (A Higher). Valid and appropriate tasks will be undertaken by pupils under the direction of class teachers. Other curriculum areas will be rolled out beyond this date.

NQ estimates

The decision taken to close the school and the subsequent information related to the SQA process has been shared with all parents/carers at every stage. The school has been asked to submit estimate grades for all NQ pupils in the absence of a final exam. The school has always submitted estimate grades for pupils and, as with previous years, this is based on a wide range of evidence not just preliminary performance. Teachers will be using a wide range of evidence including class work, assessments & homework for example.

A further explanation of the SQA process can be read here:

[SQA procedures](#)

It is recognised that this remains a stressful time for parents/ carers and young people. The school will endeavour to work with our partners in SQA to ensure that pupils are not disadvantaged.

Keeping on touch.

The school will be in contact & keep in touch with parents/ carers and young people via groupcall /Expressions and email. If you are aware that we have any incorrect details, please contact the main school email address and we will deal with this at the first opportunity.

The school will pass on information to you relating to provision of services offered by Aberdeenshire council via the same media.

PT Guidance are in contact with parents/carers and young people during this time away from school. To support you further information on support services was shared regarding useful websites.

Please access the school website for further information in relation to contacting school staff.

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Kemnay Academy