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Dear parent/carer,

As you will be aware from previous letters issued by Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, we have now seen several positive Coronavirus cases in Grange Academy and we have had further positive cases over the weekend.

The majority of these recent cases are in S6 and we have identified a significant proportion of this year group as close contacts of these positive cases. As a result, and following discussion with colleagues in Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, I am now taking the unprecedented action of asking all of S6 to study at home. Many of these young people are required to self-isolate and therefore cannot attend school and others are being asked to learn remotely for a short period of time as a purely precautionary measure.

We understand that this news will cause you to feel concern today and that you will have many questions. The wellbeing of our pupils, staff and families is of the utmost importance to us and it is very important that we take steps to minimise the risk of any further transmission of the virus.

Please support us by not sending your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- A new cough;
- A high temperature (37.8 or above);
- and / or loss of taste and smell.

If your child does develop any of these symptoms, they should immediately self-isolate and book a test for Coronavirus.

With thanks for your continued support,

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Linda McAulay-Griffiths'.

LINDA McAULAY-GRIFFITHS
Head of Education