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Parent/Carers of pupils attending Secondary Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Can I start by thanking all of you for your continued support of your young people and your schools during this difficult time and we hope that the undernoted will prove useful in providing some further information for those of you with young people in the senior phase.

Further to our last letter, I am delighted to advise that Cabinet have approved our approaches to the local authority delivery of the Alternative Certification Model, and I know by now, that your individual schools will have published plans as to how they will undertake this in their own context. Please contact your school if this is not the case.

To facilitate the amount of assessment and the moderation of the provisional grades, the Depute First Minister advised that each authority would be granted two additional in-service days for secondary staff to undertake these duties. These in-service days have been approved as Tuesday, 1st June and Wednesday, 2nd June, following our May assessment blocks across East Ayrshire. The additional in-service days apply to secondary schools only. Secondary schools will reopen to all pupils on Thursday, 3rd June.

Appeals

The SQA consultation on appeals closed on Friday of last week, and I would expect that we will have further detail on the coming weeks.

I hope that this provides you with some further information at this stage, and ongoing communications will be issued centrally and by individual schools to keep you advised of all developments.

Thank you once again for the ongoing support of your young person's education and please have a well-earned break over the coming holiday.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda McAulay-Griffiths".

Linda McAulay-Griffiths
Head of Education