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Dear Hyndland Parents and Carers,

I appreciate this is a very anxious time for every family and we are all being asked to make difficult decisions in response to the current guidance with COVID-19 virus. The First Minister and Glasgow City Council have advised that establishment closures are likely by the end of the week as part of clinical delaying measures.

We are trying to protect our children as much as possible by keeping our school culture positive and well ordered, but there will no doubt be increased concern amongst our young people and you as their carers regarding a longer break in on site learning and social isolation.

While instructed to do so, we are continuing to provide full educational experiences for our students on site; we are continuing to support our young people in following NHS advice relating to hygiene, talk about their worries, facilitate a calm and safe learning context and promote alternative formats of friendship interactions. We had already suspended Assembly in school to reduce large scale learning contexts.

*We will continue to follow the emerging advice from health professionals and the Scottish Government. Any parents who think their child has symptoms should contact NHS24 on 111 or contact their GP and follow their advice. Here is the link to the website with the most current guidance <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19> If any child or staff member has developed a new continuous cough and/or a fever/high temperature in the last 7 days, they and their family should stay at home for 14 days (7 days if there are no other occupants in the home) from the start of their symptoms even if they think their symptoms are mild.*

I am writing to inform you of our contingency plans when the Scottish government takes the decision of a blanket school closure. **I should stress that no decision has been made today with specific date to close schools and we continue to operate as normal until we are told otherwise.** However, I thought it would be useful and reassuring for Parents / Carers to know we have plans in place to make sure our pupils have every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face.

- Class teachers will prepare appropriate weekly learning activity grids for their classes. These will be posted on Twitter and on our school website. All families will be issued with hard copies of the first weeks learning (and materials to complete them ) before we close this week.
- Updated suggested learning contexts will be published on a weekly basis for the first two weeks, with a review of the strategy after Easter Break.
- There will be updated guidance with recommended websites and resources which may support learning and application of learning tasks. This guidance will be updated on a weekly basis during term time.
- Our Parent Council will repost information and sign post to families how to access Learning Activities on their web page for the duration of any school closure.

Ultimately these are uncertain times without precedent, we remain open as a school to support our community and sustain learning, but only each family can decide (if they know of other factors which would influence their decision) whether to avail themselves of our service until suspension. We will do all we can to maintain motivation and engagement and support all our community, with an additional focus on our most vulnerable stakeholders.

Kind regards and best wishes to all of our families

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