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Dear Parent / Carer

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It has been widely reported that the UK and Scottish Governments have moved to the 'delay phase' in response to the spread of Coronavirus. Therefore, I am writing to inform you of our contingency plans as it looks likely that the Scottish government will close schools very soon.

Whilst we continue to operate as normal we have been making plans to utilise our ipads and online learning tools, allowing pupils every opportunity to continue their education regardless of the circumstances we may face.

Our plans are detailed below:

- All pupils have an ipad which they are very familiar with using
- All staff will be using the Microsoft Teams app to provide materials, instruction and set tasks. Again, pupils are already using this regularly in class
- Pupils who do not have access to internet at home have been identified and have been given direction on how to download any materials they require
- If young people have forgotten their GLOW password, they can reset this themselves; information around how to do this has been placed on their year group Team.

In the short term, we have been forced to cancel our Saturday morning Study Hub and Easter revision classes for senior phase pupils. All local visits and trips have been postponed as has our next Duke of Edinburgh award expedition.

For pupils preparing for SQA examinations this is a very worrying time, but staff and pupils are being advised to carry on regardless, continuing to adhere to timescales and deadlines. If SQA decide to change any aspect of this year's examination timetable, I will alert you as soon as possible.

As you know, I have been using the Groupcall e-mail system to keep you abreast of any information and advice and will continue to do so. I anticipate there will be further clearer advice coming to you tomorrow.

If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

R Martin

Headteacher

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