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Dear Parent/Carer

This has been a most unusual and challenging week. We close our school today for the time being and I very much hope that this is short-lived.

Over the next few weeks, our pupils will be able to access learning through their ipad and I will be in touch with you weekly to make sure there are no concerns.

As you know, our school building will remain open, with staff providing care to those young people whose parents work in frontline services. I am grateful to our staff who have volunteered in their numbers to make this a priority. Breakfast for this group will be available from 8.30 a.m. with classes from 9.00 – 3.00 p.m. There is no requirement for pupils to wear their school uniform. I suggest that they bring their PE kit and ipad on Monday.

As you know SQA have cancelled all examinations but they are continuing to formulate advice for schools about coursework and assignments which have future deadlines. I will keep you informed of any action we need to take to ensure our pupils are not disadvantaged in any way.

It has been a difficult day for our wonderful sixth year pupils who may have just experienced their last day of school. We are so proud of them, wish them well and I promise to host an event for them whenever possible. The sixth year pupils have been allowed to keep hold of their ipads for the moment and we will arrange a collection date for these in the future – these will be passed on to our new first year pupils in August 2020. Our SDS Careers Advisor, Martin Baillie, is keen that the senior pupils have his contact details if they have any questions or need advice.

Martin's e-mail address is: [martin.baillie@sds.co.uk](mailto:martin.baillie@sds.co.uk).

Despite the challenges we have faced this week, I hope that you feel there has been sufficient communication from the school in support of your daughter and yourself.

On behalf of all the staff, I send you warm regards and hope that you and your family keep well.

Yours sincerely,

R Martin

Headteacher

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