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Dear Parent / Carer,

SENIOR PHASE UPDATE 3 – January 2021

I understand that this continues to be an uncertain time for you and your child as you await further information regarding their SQA attainment this session.

As time progresses, we are conscious that the assessment periods we had planned cannot take place at the organised times. So, when we are more clear about a return to the school building, we will issue more information about assessments. Please be assured that the priority is learning and teaching and any assessments that take place will be carefully planned and shared well in advance.

This week, the SQA announced that grades do not now need to be sent to them until the 18th June 2021, which gives us more time to work with your child and put assessments in place when we return to the school. Information for parents and carers can be accessed here <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96547.html> and information for learners can be accessed here <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/96546.html>

For now, please encourage your child to engage in all the online learning being offered. The focus is very much on learning and teaching and consolidating the key content and skills your child needs to succeed. If your child is not engaging, we will be in contact with you and we can work together to re-engage them.

I would also encourage you and your child not to worry. We will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure that you are fully aware of your child's progress and future assessment dates. Please be assured that we want the absolute best for your child and will continue to support them to achieve their full potential.

If your child is feeling anxious, you may find this link helpful <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/coronavirus/supporting-your-teens-wellbeing-during-coronavirus/>

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions or need further explanation of anything, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher or Depute Head.

Very best wishes,

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