



EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support with us at a time of unprecedented challenge in dealing with Covid-19.

As you know, schools and Early Years and Childcare settings will close to pupils as of end of day on Friday 20th March. There is no clear indication at this time regarding the length of time the closure will extend to, however we will use the following methods to keep you updated and informed.

- Xpressions Group Call App
- School Website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/my/Applegrove/>
- Applegrove Twitter page: @ApplegrovePS
- Moray Council Website <http://www.moray.gov.uk>
- Moray Council Twitter page: @TheMorayCouncil
- Moray Council Facebook page

We are also making home learning information available in the following ways:

- Glow
- Google Classroom

The Depute First Minister has confirmed today that the SQA exam diet and examinations will not go ahead. Schools will be making arrangements for coursework, assessment and units to be completed.

Schools will be shut to pupils next week however we will continue to be open for staff. We are constantly learning from other countries and would advise you that children and young people should avoid small group gatherings which will increase the spread of the virus. Your support with this is appreciated as we take all necessary steps to avoid such events happening.

It is vitally important that Friday 20 March 2020 remains a normal school day in every sense.

Planning is currently underway to support families who receive Free School Meals. You will have received a text/email/Xpressions notification if you fall into this category. Please ensure you let the school know if you want to take this offer up by 10.45am this morning. Arrangements for 13 April 2020 onwards will be communicated to you separately.

We are also planning for childcare arrangements for key workers and will be in touch regarding this as national advice develops. We thank you all for your understanding at this difficult time and will keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

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