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COVID-19 Update – Wednesday 18th March 2020

You will appreciate that this is a very uncertain and worrying time for everyone in light of COVID-19. Due to the changing advice from the Scottish Government and NLC Education and Families and the concerns expressed by a number of school stakeholders **there will be no Parents' Night on 24th March**. We have also cancelled extra-curricular clubs after school and are awaiting guidance from Bishop Toal regarding the **Sacrament of First Communion**, planned for May.

It is difficult to know what lies ahead for us and we have been advised that there are no plans to close the schools at present (at the time of writing this letter), but that situation could change very quickly. I want to thank our staff for keeping life as normal as possible for pupils during this difficult time. We hope to receive more information during the week ahead and will continue to update you when and if there are further changes.

We will issue some basic support packs today to all pupils who are at school and we will make packs available for parents to collect from the school from today onwards if your child is currently absent from school.

Much of our home learning will be built around online activities and access to the internet. I would ask anyone who does not have access to the internet at home to make contact with the school and alternatives will be sought. Our teaching staff, if any school closure occurs, will provide ongoing updates via the school blog:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stpatricksnewstevenston/>

All passwords for online sites should already be home but we will have access to these during any closure and can issue/re-issue to families if needed.

Thank you for your calm and understanding in this matter and I look forward to remaining in contact with you as the days progress.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Dinsmor
Head Teacher



