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Dear Parent/Carer

The Scottish Government has today announced that all schools will close after the school day on Friday 20 March 2020 with no set date for re-opening as yet.

At Crieff High School, we have been preparing for the possibility of school closure and that preparation is continuing at pace.

For Crieff High School (Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March):

- **Our normal school timetable will continue as planned.**

Staff attendance has been a strength of our school over recent weeks and we anticipate this to be the case over the next few days. Pupil attendance at school has reduced over recent days but has remained above local and national attendance rates.

- **We will host assemblies to explain to young people the importance of maintaining a continuity of learning during the upcoming school closure.**

These assemblies will take place on Friday morning and will be led by Mrs Fotheringhame, Mrs Couser and I across 3 locations for each year group.

- **Young people are asked to ensure that they have all of their necessary resources at home to continue with learning.**

This may require young people to take resources from their lockers which will continue to be accessible to young people until the end of the school day on Friday.

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Learning from home

In my correspondence to parents and carers yesterday I informed you that I have asked our staff to prepare online learning packages for young people to maintain a continuity of learning in the event of pupil absence and/or school closure.

The details of this online provision will be communicated to young people during assemblies on Friday morning and with our parents and carers on Friday afternoon.

For those without online access, support for pupils colleagues are gathering paper based learning activities to ensure that all of our young people have access to learning and the necessary resources to continue their progression with their learning.

SQA examinations

The Qualifications Contingency Group met yesterday and agreed on the importance of being able to open schools as examination centres during the SQA diet, should medical and scientific advice allow.

In addition, they recognise that some of our invigilators may not be able to work with us this year, and they have committed to working with schools to put in place alternative arrangements for invigilation if and where needed.

More information about a range of matters will follow on Friday afternoon of this week.

At this time I'd like to thank our whole school community for being an incredible support to our young people at this uncertain time. In particular, our teaching and non-teaching staff have been a source of exceptional support and the young people themselves have demonstrated high levels of commitment, resilience and determination.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Donnelly'.

Mr J Donnelly
Headteacher/Campus Leader