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Dear Young Person

I'm sure you will have heard the announcement from the First Minister that she is planning for schools and early years settings to close from today to most pupils. There is no confirmation, at this stage, of the duration of the closure which is completely understandable in the circumstances.

As senior pupils, you will naturally have some concerns in relation to SQA coursework and the impact of the cancellation of the examinations. We would like to offer you assurance at this stage that preparations are already underway to allow you to complete your studies in an alternative way. Your school will provide you with further information. Each school will plan an approach to make sure that no students are disadvantaged by these extraordinary circumstances, and that the SQA has the evidence it needs for your qualifications to be awarded.

Please know that your wellbeing, education and qualifications remain an absolute priority for the Education Service in South Lanarkshire.

We will continue to provide you with updates as we receive them via your school apps and other social media.

For further health care advice please visit [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot)

Please take care and look after each other in the next few weeks ahead. I am very aware of all your efforts and wish to reassure you that we will all work together to continue to secure a bright future for you.

Yours sincerely

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