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Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been great having our young people back in school this week; they have taken to the new health and safety procedures with ease, ensuring all of our safety.

The school will close for Easter on Thursday 1 April at 2.30pm and will reopen on Monday 19 April.

Monday 3 May is the May Day bank holiday and the school will be closed. We will also be closed on Thursday 6 May for an in-service day; this date coincides with the Scottish Election.

ADDITIONAL IN-SERVICE DAYS:

Scottish government have added to additional in-services day to schools so that they can manage the SQA assessments and setting of provisional grades; these will be on Friday 11 June and Monday 14 June.

SQA UPDATE:

All departments are maximising the opportunities for learning and teaching and ensuring course coverage prior to assessing young people's progress. Assessments are being carefully planned and coordinated by staff ensuring that all pupils will have had sufficient opportunities to demonstrate their attainment across the different components of the courses they are studying. At present we are collating the extended assessment dates and these will be shared with you after Easter; final assessments will be completed by 10 June. Once the assessment diet is complete, there will be **no further opportunities** available for additional assessments. In line with SQA, all provisional grades will be based on robust assessment evidence. Quality assurance of the grades will be carried out at school level and across the authority before being submitted to SQA. This approach is consistent across all secondary schools in the local authority.

The week beginning the 21 June, you will receive a final tracking report for your child and it will share the provisional grade that has been submitted for your child; it will be verbally shared with your child prior to this date.

EASTER SCHOOL:

Classes are being offered for the senior phase to support with the revision of topics within courses; this information has already been shared with you and we would encourage your child to attend as many of these as possible.

COVID REMINDER:

If your child has symptoms: a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or the loss/change to taste and smell then you should keep them at home and arrange to have a test done. Please inform the school that they are being tested and inform us of the results when they arrive. If the test is negative, your child can return to school.

If someone else in the household has symptoms and is being tested, please keep your child at home. Please inform the school that testing is being carried out and let us know the results. If the result is negative, your child can return to school immediately.

Please ensure that **all your contact details are update to date**, including home and mobile telephone numbers. Please remind your child to pack their face mask and pencil case as it minimises the use of resources in classes and prevents the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any matters of concern that you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

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