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Dear Parent/Guardian

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December the school will close at 2.30pm for the start of the Christmas holidays. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> will be an in-service day for staff. Carrick Academy will reopen on Wednesday 6 January at 8.45am for all staff, the children of key workers and vulnerable young people; this will be a childcare provision only. If you are a key worker and wish to book a place, you should complete the online application; a link to this will be sent out separately. School transport will operate as normal on the 6 January. Young people accessing this provision will be required to bring their own lunch and any snacks they will need during the day.

On Monday 11 January the school will reopen for all young people but in line with the Scottish Governments message, all learning will be delivered remotely online. There will be no 'live' lessons as not all staff have cameras on their PCs and we are aware that young people are sharing IT at home with parents and siblings. All young people will have their own login and password for GLOW so that they can access Microsoft Teams; if they do not have this, please contact the school as soon as possible. Work will be uploaded onto Microsoft Teams and learning will be complemented with demonstrations, presentations and/or video clips to support the curriculum along with tasks that the children should complete and return. Staff should be marking work and providing feedback. A guide for Microsoft Teams has been shared previously but will be send again with this letter. We will monitor pupil attendance on a daily basis by the young people's engagement in their learning; this will be recorded in the usual way. At present, the Government are stating that this will be in place for one week only and that schools will open fully on the 18 January.

Our Higher and Advanced Higher candidates were due to sit prelim examinations on their return from the Christmas holiday; these will be delivered when the school opens fully again. Young people should continue to study so that they achieve their full potential; we will provide an updated timetable when the return date is confirmed by Government.

We have celebrated the festive season in school with 'Christmas Jumper Day', almost 800 food items were delivered to the Maybole Foodbank which will help our local community. Crossraguel House won the house points for donating the most items.

During ELOS each morning, we have been listening to our 'Songs of Advent'; these have been selected by staff and pupils; the Music Dept have compiled and shared these. Staff have been decorating their 'Christmas Doors' to add a bit of festive fun.

I will be on call throughout the holiday for Public Health in the event that a positive case is identified, I may be in touch with you over the break. Please ensure that **all your contact details are update to date**, including home and mobile telephone numbers; you can check this with the school office.

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. During the holiday period, I assume that Public Health will inform me if a child tests positive. If it is during school time, please call the office and let us know that they are being tested and inform us of the result.

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.

On behalf of all of my staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

*TS Stevens*

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