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Dear Parent/Carer

Update on Arrangements for Term 3

- Remote Learning (for most pupils)

You will be aware that the Scottish Government has extended the period during which school learning will be delivered remotely to pupils in Scotland. This will now continue for the duration of January and could extend beyond this. The government will review this by 18th January 2020.

Though this is not a desirable situation, we are much better placed now than we were at the time of the last school closure in that we have had the experience of remote learning and have had the opportunity since then to refine this offer to pupils. We have consequently agreed with staff what a consistent learning experience should look like for pupils, and have also provided training for staff, pupils and parents in the use of ICT for remote learning.

Additionally, we have undertaken a further audit of ICT requirements at home and have tried to address issues that have arisen. If you feel that you will struggle with remote learning due to lack of devices or connectivity, and we have not already discussed this with you, I would ask that you contact the school as soon as possible to make us aware of the difficulties you anticipate.

We will provide further details later in the week for both primary and secondary parents about what pupils can expect in terms of learning and teaching during school closure.

We will also continue to communicate with pupils and parents, as necessary, about how we intend to deal with the challenges of SQA assessment and moderation under these changed circumstances, and I assure you we will be doing our utmost to ensure that there is no detriment to our young people being put forward for SQA certification this session.



- In-school provision

There will be a limited in-school provision during January for vulnerable children and children of key workers, and all parents who completed our surveys in December should by now have heard back from the school. If you think you are eligible for this provision, but have not heard back from us, please do get in touch.

Once again, we find our resilience as a school community being put to the test. However, as I told you at the beginning of session, our highest planning priority this year has been preparing for the range of scenarios that the pandemic could throw at us. I am confident, therefore, that this new challenge is one our staff and pupils are ready and able to rise to.

Yours faithfully

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