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Dear Parent/Carer,

REMOTE LEARNING: WEEK 3

Once again, thank you to all for your keeping remote learning going this week in challenging circumstances. I hope you and your families remain safe and well.

Learning at home

A reminder that our remote learning provision consists of a combination of live lessons, recorded lessons and tasks to be completed. As far as *reasonably possible*, pupils should continue to follow their timetable in line with the guidance I issued on 8 January. Parents should try to ensure that pupils are engaging with work, but you should also feel empowered to tell pupils to stop if you feel they are doing too much. Of course, we want pupil engagement to be as high as possible.

We have gathered the views of pupils and families in recent weeks and are taking cognisance of the information received. This has improved our understanding of the feelings of our young people, and the pressures they are facing, which will allow us to modify our approach accordingly. We will continue to gather these views on an ongoing basis.

Half term holiday

A reminder that the school is closed for the half-term holiday on:

- Friday 5 February
- Monday 8 February
- Tuesday 9 February

No remote learning or teaching will take place on these days, and the school will not be open for supervision for those who have been attending. I hope that young people and families will be able to spend some time relaxing and taking a break from the demands of school work. We will return to remote learning on Wednesday 10 February. I draw your attention to the letter I issued yesterday highlighting the change of date for the in-service day.

SQA matters

The SQA have announced a change to the date for school submission of estimates, which is welcome. This will be helpful in giving pupils more time to prepare for formal assessments when we are in a position to run them. We will devise and communicate plans for conducting these assessments when we have a clearer idea as to when young people can return to school. Once again, I want to reassure pupils that we are absolutely determined they will not be disadvantaged when we submit our grades to SQA. However, it is important to ensure engagement with remote learning remains as high as possible while lockdown continues.

S5/6 tracking reports

These have been issued by post and should arrive through your letterbox in the next few days.

Family learning

A reminder that our Family Learning team have been working hard for a number of months to provide resources and support for parents to enable them to work with children at home. These resources have been published previously, but can be found in the Family Learning section of our website (under Resources), or [here](#).

In a separate message I will send a short reflection survey on the first week of remote learning that pupils should complete and return. Ideally, parents/carers will complete this with their children to learn about the pupil's experiences over the last week. This is part of the process we use to gather views of our community.

Recent letters

For your convenience, all letters issued in the recent past can be found on our school website, in the *Resources* section under the heading *Parental Letters* (or [here](#)).

Communication with school

Please contact the appropriate DHT or PTPC should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's care, welfare or education. Contact details can be found at the foot of this letter.

I will make contact again next week following the First Minister's expected announcement on Tuesday. I wish everyone a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully



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