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Dear Parent/Carer

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

I wrote to you before the Christmas holidays to update you on the remote learning and school arrangements following the Scottish Government's updated guidance to help suppress the spread of the virus and promised that I would keep in touch.

As you will be aware the delay to a return to face to face teaching for many of our children and young people has now been extended to the middle of February at the earliest with the next update announcement from the government due on Tuesday 2nd February.

We are coming up to the February weekend and I remind you that Friday 5th February, Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February are all school holidays. I also want to let you know that in order to maximise learning and teaching for our secondary pupils we've taken a decision to change the date of the planned in-service day on Wednesday 10 February. This change is only for secondary pupils.

This will now take place on **Monday 19 April**.

We are currently waiting to hear finalised details about the SQA moderation and assessment for young people in the senior phase and following the cancellation of exams.

Please be reassured that the focus of our secondary teachers is on learning and teaching at the moment. We are working with our schools on the assessment process and timeline to support senior pupils. We remain totally focussed on ensuring that all our senior pupils achieve the qualifications they deserve.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you all for your continued support of remote learning, our schools and school staff while dealing with the daily anxieties and challenges that I know we are all facing now.

Our schools will continue to communicate with you and deliver their bespoke remote learning plans to your child but please do let them know if you need any additional help during these difficult and uncertain times.

Remember we publish all updated information and news on dealing with the pandemic on our website:
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/26214/Coronavirus-COVID-19-advice-and-guidance-for-schools>

Hopefully I will be back in touch soon with more positive news about when our children and young people can get back to face to face learning in our schools.

Yours sincerely

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