

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**PARENTS/CARERS OF S4-6 PUPILS**

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with much sadness that we close today but recognise the safety of our community is paramount. From Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Gleniffer High School will be closed to pupils, except for a few who will receive concentrated support from a small pool of staff.

Following the announcement from the Deputy First Minister, there will be no SQA examination diet in 2020. Therefore, staff have been working with young people to ensure the evidence we have shows progression in their learning throughout this session. A blend of classwork, assignments, folio, practical performances and models and more traditional style assessments alongside teacher professional judgement are being used to estimate the anticipated final outcome for learners. Obviously this is not an exact science and in **some** subjects for **some** young people, staff would like the opportunity to gather final pieces of evidence or finalise pieces of coursework. Therefore, we have put in place a system to limit risk to our community while giving the opportunity for learners to have this final support.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March the school is closed to **all pupils**, except those who may be in specific categories. Pupils, who have been identified by their class teachers, will then be invited in over the course of the next two weeks for a limited time to complete the work required for final evidence. If pupils are unwell or self-isolating then we do not expect them to attend. Please note, they will receive support from a subject specialist but it may not be their own teacher. This is entirely dependant on staff wellbeing and circumstances. You will receive a phone call on Monday afternoon to request your child's attendance – this is entirely voluntary.

Please be assured that staff have your child's best interests at heart and this includes their welfare. We have been chartering uncertain times but now with clear direction, feel this is the best support we can offer to reassure learners and ensure we are fully equipped to enter the most accurate estimated grades we can to SQA. A timetable has been issued to young people today and will also be on the school website by the end of today.

Please follow, if you can, the Gleniffer High School Parent Council Facebook page and our school twitter account @Gleniffer HS for information and regular updates. Information will be put on our website and messages sent to keep you informed of any changes.

I wish your family the very best over the coming weeks and delighted to welcome young people back to school as soon as we can.

Best wishes

Lisa Chalmers

Head Teacher