



Update for young people, parents and carers

Dear valued member of our school community,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well during these extremely difficult and unprecedented times.

I am writing to offer a brief update as to our plans for after the Spring holiday and to give those of you affected by the SQA's latest news, my initial thoughts.

Continuation of learning – Broad General Education

From Monday 13th April, all staff will be working to upload appropriate work for young people in all S1 – S3 classes. I plan to issue further guidance for young people and their families as to how to access all work via our various platforms including Show My Homework and Glow.

The easiest way to access all of our online Home Learning will continue to be through our **Harris at Home Learning Portal**, which can be accessed through our school website, Twitter feed or by clicking on the link below

<https://sites.google.com/view/harrishomelearning/>

Continuation of learning – Senior Phase

Although the date has not yet been set, Dundee City Council schools will start virtual learning towards next session's qualifications earlier than usual.

As soon as further details emerge, I will let you know.

Tayview Community Support Centre (Hub)

Until further notice our school building is closed. We are, however, supporting the staffing of the Tayview Community Support Centre.

The Hub is in place to support targeted young people based on published Scottish Government recommendations.

If you have trouble understanding English please contact the address below

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Jeżeli masz trudności w zrozumieniu języka angielskiego, skontaktuj się na poniżej podany adres:

如果你對英語理解有困難, 請聯絡以下地址:

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SQA Update

To ensure we work in the best interests of our young people and within the full revised parameters set out by the SQA, we will await the finalised advice from SQA, which is expected as soon as possible after Easter and before 20th April 2020.

In the meantime, **please do not send any work to members of staff**. This conflicts with the clear advice that the SQA has offered.

The deadline for estimates to be sent to SQA has been extended by a month, giving all schools more time to finalise the estimates which will be sent to SQA.

As soon as SQA publish their full guidance to schools, I assure you I will communicate this to you.

Please find below a link to an SQA document, aimed at young people, parents and carers, which is also available via our website and Twitter feed.

https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/files_ccc/020420-SQA-NQ2020-Parent-Carer-covid-19-FAQ.pdf

Communication between school, learners and families

We have various ways in which families can continue to contact us. They include:

- E mailing general enquiries to harris@dundeecity.gov.uk
- Contacting relevant Guidance staff via our Virtual Guidance base. This can be accessed via our Harris at Home portal and includes House specific e mail addresses that will be checked by the relevant Guidance Teams frequently.
- Returning work via Show My Homework, Glow etc.

I would encourage every member of our school community to follow the school's Twitter feed, **@harrisacdundee** where all up to date information will be posted along with links to relevant resources and emerging advice.

Please note that currently, our school telephone numbers are not in use.

I hope this update is of some use to you and I assure you I will offer a further update as soon as possible on our return from holiday and when relevant information is available.

Finally, I wish each and every one of you the best of health. Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Barry Millar
Head Teacher

