Dear parent/carer

I hope that you and those around you are safe and well. I wanted to write to you all to update you all with a summary of SQA information and of support available over the Spring break. At the end of this letter you will find the contact details for us if you need to reach out.

**School Closed**

**Please note that all schools in Glasgow will be fully closed over the Easter Holidays.** Resources have been pulled to offer a hub service for the childcare of the young people of key workers in one of the local primary schools. This will close over the Spring break also. At present we have no young people attending the hub school. If the circumstances change for our parents who are key workers then they can access this provision. We are in contact with a small number of parents who have identified themselves to us. If you are in this category, need our help, and have not yet done so - please complete the assistance form which can be found on our website and e-mail this to the Headteacher email that you can find in the contacts.

**Food Vouchers**

For young people who are in receipt of free school meals and/or a clothing grant allowance, Farmfoods vouchers will be sent directly to your address. These are currently being issued to eligible parents and carers. It may take up to 10 days to receive your card. Please do not contact GCC before Monday 6 April if you have not received your card.

Letters are being posted out direct to home addresses with a £20 pre-paid Farmfoods card that can be used to buy food at stores across the city - click here to find your nearest store [https://www.farmfoods.co.uk/store-finder.php](https://email.gsn.local/owa/Headteacher%40govanhigh.glasgow.sch.uk/redir.aspx?C=OmLsbtGt_frCTD-B5lx6htA-r59m3NrBMdJw6zI4CVLA7LgimdDXCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.farmfoods.co.uk%2fstore-finder.php)

£20 will then be uploaded every two weeks to the cards for each Glasgow primary and secondary pupil in a family who currently receive a footwear and clothing grant and/or free school meals.

**SQA**

As we have already communicated the SQA exam diet for this session has been cancelled.

**All qualifications will be awarded based on the estimates that teachers submit and some form of SQA checks**. Teachers will make these estimates using their professional judgement based on a range of evidence which will include prelim evidence, coursework and work completed in class.

This year, learner coursework will not be marked by the SQA and we are no longer required to submit this. Some teachers however will still be asking some young people for coursework to use as evidence to inform their professional judgement.

This is the information that has been sent to all young people

* The SQA will award Grades and issue results as planned on 4 August 2020.
* Qualifications will be awarded based on Estimates and some form of SQA evidence checks.
* Please do not ask teachers to share Estimates with you.
* Teachers will make these estimates using their professional judgement based on a range of evidence which will include prelim evidence, coursework and your classwork.
* Coursework should still be completed at home and e-mailed to teachers as it can still be used as evidence for estimates.
* It is very important that you continue to complete all work that is being emailed to you/uploaded to GLOW Teams and email the work back to teachers.

**GLOW and Remote Learning**

Online learning will stop over the Spring break. And will resume on Monday 20 April.

Today teachers will be sending your young person some fun activities/challenges that they could do over the holidays, if they get a bit bored and wish to do so. There is no expectation that the young people need to complete these activities.

If there are any issues with accessing GLOW the number for the GLOW helpline can be found below and on the school website. This service is available **Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm**. This includes throughout the Spring Break.

**Mental Health**

We understand that this will be a very stressful time for many and we have uploaded a document containing helplines on the school website. Our Pastoral team will continue to tweet regular mindfulness and fitness advice. Please encourage your young person to follow Govan High School on twitter and carry out these activities.

In addition to the information above, if you need our help and assistance then please reach out either by e-mail or the contact numbers below.

Please stay safe, stay well and reach out to us if you need us over the holidays.

Kind regards

Nancy Belford

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