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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to thank you all for your ongoing support and patience whilst our online learning becomes established.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge effort all colleagues in the SHS Community have put in to ensure a positive start to this very different term.

In relation to this I would also like to recognise the number of young people who have already engaged in the online work and the quality of work being produced.

I know many of you have been in contact with the school and have been given assistance in relation to online learning already this week. I have attached our information booklet, first issued last Friday, to support online learning. Please use this as your first port of call for assistance.

You will be aware that we have introduced a morning registration. We have had between 75% and 80% of young people registering each day. We will monitor this to allow us to support young people's learning and their well-being.

If your young person is having trouble with an assignment or IT, communication between teacher and young people is the first step toward a resolution.

It may seem awkward or tricky at first when beginning learning and communicating online, but it is important to raise a virtual hand. We all want young people to succeed.

For young people it is important to remember that when communicating with teachers this is not social media so when emailing staff be polite (remember to communicate with them as though you would see them in person), be clear in what you are asking and do not always expect a reply straight away, your teachers will get back to you. We want our digital footprint to be as positive as possible - so please encourage your young person to use appropriate language and to be respectful. We want to support, listen to and communicate with young people successfully.

We have a small number of young people coming to school to access our Hubs. Everyone involved in these has commented on the positivity of the young people. Whilst it is difficult to manage many different activities, it is hoped that weather permitting, the groups in school will be able to go on Well-being Walks with staff during the day. Please note however, that when a young person is attending the Hub they are not able to leave the school campus at breaks or lunchtimes.

We monitor information from the Scottish Government very carefully and will update you in a timely way if and when arrangements for schooling change.

We await further clarification from the SQA in relation to this year's assessments and again will share this information with you as soon as is possible.

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In the meantime can I again thank you for your support and remind everyone of FACTS, and to take care and keep you and your families safe.

If there is anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact the school in the usual ways.

Kind regards

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