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Dear parent or carer,

**CORONAVIRUS – NATIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE**

This letter details the arrangements in Johnstone High School for week beginning 23March. These will be in place until the Easter break which was due to commence on Friday 3 April until Monday 20 April. As per national guidance, Johnstone High School will be closed to pupils from Monday 23 March. Please refer to the letter also sent today by Julie Calder, Head of Service.

* **CHILDREN ON FRONT-LINE WORKERS**

Renfrewshire Council is in the process of organising an offer of childcare for the children of front-line workers only. Renfrewshire Council has issued parents with an online survey to determine who these young people are and is in the process of collating these requests. They will liaise with us about this in due course.

At the moment, Johnstone High is preparing to give access to the school to the children of front-line workers from **Tuesday 24 March onwards**, should parents wish to send them. We will open from 9am – 3pm for these children only. School lunches will be available as usual. Finally, the Council is also looking at transport arrangements for the children of front-line workers who would usually be transported to school. When we have more information, we will get it to you.

* **PUPILS IN S4-6**

To ensure that our young people complete all requirements for their SQA courses, identified pupils in S4-6 will be invited into school from Tuesday 24th March onwards to work in small groups to complete coursework, finish units, or to complete any final assessments.

School staff will contact parents to let them know about this. (Please note that this is by invitation only as it is subject to the school having adequate numbers of specialist staff available. Pupils will only be in the school building to complete these required SQA tasks.)

* **ONLINE LEARNING**

On-line platforms are in place to support learning at home, and staff will upload materials over the next few days:

* + Show my homework letters with access codes are being sent to parents through the post. Please check these are working, and if there are issues contact the school office. We will be uploading materials for S1-3 pupils over this platform.
  + Seniors have also been using a range of platforms including Microsoft teams to facilitate digital learning. Staff have been working with them on this over the past week.

If any family does not have access to a computer / internet access, please call the school and we will arrange for hard copy materials to be sent to you.

I will write to you again to let you know about arrangements for after the Easter break.

Please continue to follow the council on Twitter @RenCouncil for the latest updates and visit [www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus) for health advice.

Finally, I wish you and your family all the very best for the weeks and months ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Hollywood

Head Teacher