

Dear parent/carer

Coronavirus Update

At Marr College we continue to follow guidance from South Ayrshire Council and NHS Scotland with regards to Coronavirus. In the meantime, learning and teaching continues as normal. Parents and carers are asked to follow advice from the UK/Scottish Government that as of 16 March anyone developing symptoms consistent with COVID-19, however mild, should stay at home for 7 days from the onset of symptoms as per existing advice. In addition, it is now recommended that anyone living in the same household as a symptomatic person should self-isolate for 14 days.

We are acutely aware that this situation may bring some uncertainty for our young people and parents, particularly those who are preparing for SQA exams. The health and wellbeing of our young people is paramount and we continue to provide support and reassurance to them.

At present, there is no change to the published National Qualifications examination timetable and we continue to support students in their preparations for exams in May. Please be assured that staff are working hard to ensure the best outcomes for all our young people and we will respond promptly to further advice provided by the SQA. By the end of this week, NQ revision materials will be uploaded via GLOW, Teams or Show My Homework for all subject areas.

Our primary method of communication to parents will continue to be via Groupcall email, SMS messages and the Xpressions App. Details of how to install the Groupcall Xpressions App can be found on our school website www.marr.sayr.sch.uk. If you have not shared your email address with us, please do this via Marr.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk stating your name and your child's details. We have also created a page on our website to share updated guidance with regards to the Coronavirus in addition to parent and pupil guides to accessing online resources.

As you will understand, we find ourselves in a fluid situation that is liable to change. Our priority in school is to maintain learning and teaching for young people who are able to attend and staff are also covering additional classes. All students have been encouraged to check they have working access to GLOW and Show My Homework and staff are currently adding relevant resources as time allows for all year groups. We appreciate your patience as materials are uploaded.

We value your ongoing support and will continue to communicate important information and updates to you.

Yours sincerely



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