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Education and Families

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will now know, the Scottish Government has taken the decision to close all schools in Scotland as part of the country's response to slowing down the spread of Coronavirus, Covid-19. As such, tomorrow, Friday 20th March will be the last day our school will be open to all pupils for the foreseeable future, possibly not re-opening until August 2020.

We will continue to provide parents and pupils with relevant updates regarding arrangements for pupils to learn and be supported at home, arrangements for exams and any arrangements relating to re-opening, as and when information is available. At the moment we await further clarification regarding the role of the school and our staff, teachers and non-teachers, in supporting the national effort, our local community and groups within it.

For the moment can I confirm the following:

- Kilsyth Academy will be open to pupils tomorrow, Friday 20th March. The school will close as normal at 2.55pm but will not re-open on Monday until further notice.
- In recognition that tomorrow is possibly the last school day for most pupils this session, and likely the last day ever for those leaving this year, the non-uniform day planned for the official end of term will be brought forward. Pupils will not be required to wear school uniform tomorrow. However, can I reinforce that it will be a normal school day and, as far as possible learning will continue as normal.
- Staff have been working hard to make work available for pupils online. Pupils should refer initially to Show my Homework for tasks and materials and may then require to access materials through GLOW. Staff will continue to use these platforms to set work, communicate directly with pupils via email, receiving and responding to questions, completed work etc. All pupils can access Show my Homework and GLOW but anyone experiencing difficulty should contact the school via email.
- We would ask any parents where pupils do not have online access at home to let us know as soon as possible and we will look to how we can support pupils in other ways.

Can I take this opportunity to send you and your families our very best wishes in getting through these challenging times. Please take care and stay safe and be assured we will continue to work to support young people's learning to the best of our ability.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg Orrock".

Gregg Orrock
Head Teacher

