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Dear Parent/Carer

Update

I hope you are all well and coping with the continued lockdown. Monday is a bank holiday and Tuesday is an in-service day for staff so teachers will be offline until Wednesday. Pupils should take a break from their classwork and parents can have a rest from trying to motivate them to do it!

Home Learning

All the new Microsoft Teams are up and running and we have had quite good levels of engagement from pupils. The computing and maths departments have been delivering online lessons which have had a lot of very positive feedback from young people and parents. We would like to provide more of this type of interactive delivery so on the in-service day, staff will be learning more about how to develop their online teaching skills. Mr Wallace has been leading this work with staff and I am very grateful to him for this. I am aware that some households do not have access to technology or are finding it difficult to access work on Teams. We are currently working on plans to address this.

Planning for Schools to Reopen

The Scottish Government announced yesterday that schools would be returning on 11 August with a 'blended learning' approach. This will combine technology and online learning with face-to-face in-school learning to allow social distancing regulations to be followed. We will be working closely with the local authority and parents to get plans in place for what this will look like. More information can be found in the [Education Recovery Group's Strategic Framework for Reopening Schools](#).

SQA

As you may know, SQA issued guidance on school estimates for this year's National Qualifications at the end of April. Our principal teachers have done an outstanding job leading their teams in this challenging task. You should feel confident that a lot of work has gone into getting this right for our young people. All estimates will be submitted to SQA on 29 May 2020, following quality checks from the local authority. SQA are still aiming for certification on 4 August. In the same way that information recorded by an exam candidate during an exam is exempt from disclosure, the estimates cannot be shared with pupils or parents before the SQA awards are released to candidates.

Our website is regularly updated and you can find copies of all correspondence there along with our Twitter feed that keeps you up-to-date with Kyle life. We are really missing our young people and our school community. Please keep in touch through kyle.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Enjoy the long weekend and take care everyone.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Byrne'.

Mary Byrne
Head Teacher