

Dear parents/carers,

### **School Closures – COVID-19**

As you may have already seen via media outlets, the Scottish Government has decided to close all schools on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice.

As it currently stands this morning, we have 14 absent staff and we have had to collapse junior classes today to prioritise pupils in the senior phase. Therefore, we are unable to fully run the school to capacity tomorrow, and all S1, S2 and S3 pupils should stay at home. S4, S5 and S6 pupils should attend school as normal tomorrow. The school will officially close to all pupils on Friday 20.3.20 at 2.50pm.

Also, in order to help support our more vulnerable families and the Ellon Community, we are asking if all S4/5 and 6 pupils bring 1 perishable item or 1 toiletry item to school, and these will be bagged up for local food banks. Anything you can give would be appreciated

As already intimated, school work is and will continue to be available via Ellon Academy's Glow page. Currently, we are still awaiting information from the SQA regarding the exam diet, so we will ensure that parents/carers are fully informed regarding this and other related issues going forward.

Thank you and kind regards,

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