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Dear Parent/Carer,

School closure: Coronavirus

As you are aware, due to the on-going situation with Coronavirus, the Scottish Government has closed all schools from today. As a result of this, pupils should not be sent to school on Monday unless:

- Pastoral Care or Heads of Year have indicated that it would be appropriate for a young person to attend school. Pupils in this category will be notified separately.
- The parent or carer works in an essential 'front line service', and do not have other childcare. In this circumstance parents must complete and return the Parent Request Form, which can be found on our school website. Details of this have been emailed and texted.
- A teacher has called a pupil into school to complete a piece of coursework or assessment. In this situation pupils should attend at the designated time.

Pupils not falling into these categories should not attend school.

Teachers and support staff have been working incredibly hard to ensure that senior phase pupils are in the best possible position to achieve qualifications, and that all young people can engage in learning at home. All pupils can communicate with teachers via Glow emails, and subjects have set up platforms, such as Microsoft Teams and Class Dojo, that will allow young people to access learning materials at home. In addition, we have created a dedicated section on our school website entitled *Keep Safe, Keep Learning* (<http://eastbankacademy.co.uk/home/keep-safe-keep-learning>). This has been populated with useful learning resources, and we will continue to update this on an on-going basis. I encourage all young people and families to engage with these for the duration of the school closure.

School closures are regrettable but have been deemed a necessary measure by the government. It is therefore crucial that we follow the advice and comply with these measures. Please be assured that all school staff will continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that young people's education is maintained and that there is smooth return when it is safe to do so.

I would like to thank you all for supporting the school at this difficult time. I trust that everyone will stay well and look forward to welcoming everyone back into Eastbank Academy in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Graham
Head Teacher

