

Email from Matthew Bartlett, Head Master

Tuesday, 19th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The First Minister has just [announced](#) that despite "[cautious grounds for optimism](#)" current lockdown measures will remain in place until mid-February (effectively till the end of February week), to be reviewed on 2nd February.

This means that in common with every educational establishment, the College will **not** be able to reopen for face to face learning on 1st February as we had all hoped. We will continue to offer the full remote learning service based around the school day and with registration and live lessons as are being offered currently. This will run until we break for February week on Friday 5th February. The review on 2nd February will give us clarity on what will happen post February week, but currently we hope and pray that we will be able to reopen from Tuesday 16th February as planned. You will understand that the decision on that is made nationally and will not take place before 2nd February. I absolutely feel and understand the sheer frustration and anxiety that a further delay will almost certainly cause. As always we are available to support pupils and parents who are impacted by these very difficult decisions.

We are continuing to monitor the position of prelims and are awaiting national guidance from SQA and the Education Recovery Group on this. We are also investigating whether remote assessment is possible by working with colleagues in other schools across the country. We would hope to be able to update you further on this towards the end of next week.

The First Minister also provided an indication that work is underway on plans for lateral flow testing in schools, together with the consideration of school staff in the vaccination timetable. Both of these might be seen as an indication of the priority being given to reopening schools. We can only hope and pray that will be the case.

Thank you as ever for your support and understanding as together we work with these challenges.

Kindest regards,

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