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Dear Parent/Carer

We recognise that this is an uncertain time for all learners who have worked hard throughout the year and understand that they will all be worried about what the cancellation of SQA exams will mean for them.

As you will be aware, the SQA has announced that this year, schools and colleges are not required to submit coursework for marking. Full details can be found here <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93658.html>

This year pupil grades will be determined by SQA and will be based on a range of sources which schools will use to determine their estimates: professional judgment of teachers; prior attainment; coursework; and where applicable statistics for subject areas. Please be reassured that teachers, who know your children best as learners, are working hard to review all of the evidence that has been gathered throughout the session until lockdown and that within each school there will be a quality assurance approach in place to review the outcome of this process. The date for providing estimates to the SQA is 29 May 2020.

This work is a key priority for all schools and young people and, we would like to provide reassurance that schools will do their best to ensure that the hard work of all young people is rightly and fairly recognised.

Following submission of the SQA estimates, SQA will process all results and issue grades to learners by 4 August. It would be helpful if you could encourage your child to sign up to MySQA so that they receive their results by text and/or email. https://www.mysqa.org.uk/cs8/content/secure/my_homepage.jsp

When results are issued, if you/your child disagrees with their result, they should contact the school who will be able to use a free appeals service. This will enable the school to question the result. The school must have evidence to support their estimate and this appeal. At this stage, evidence will be reviewed by senior examiners. SQA will provide us with further details about this service as soon as it is available.

At this stage, we would ask that you support the schools to concentrate on the important task of reviewing evidence in order to provide these estimates to SQA.

SQA is updating information on a regular basis. The address which follows will give you the latest updates. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93825.html>

Yours sincerely

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