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Good morning Parents/Carers

I did say last week that I would continue to send updates out so that everyone was aware of what was happening.

First of all may I say a huge thank you to everyone for all their efforts last week it certainly was a very strange week!

All members of the school community were a credit and I would like to thank parents and carers for their understanding and support as we had to adapt to a very challenging set of circumstances. Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people who sent us positive comments they were great to read and lifted our spirits so much

So as of tomorrow the schools are closed and we are offering a provision for vulnerable pupils, and the children of key workers at Whytrig Middle School we will see how that develops over the course of the next few weeks. Please do not send your child unless you really have to as the schools need to be as empty as possible.

The parents of pupils on FSM have been contacted regarding what we can do in the short term. Our aim is to set up a voucher system for those parents as soon as possible but this is not as easy as we thought it would be. As soon as we have any details we will inform the parents of those pupils. This is the target for us this week.

On Friday the government finally let us know what they are going to do re exams for this year. They have said they will use teacher prediction and other forms of evidence.

We are waiting to hear from the exam boards in April as to what this process will look like. If you want more detail on this then please follow this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

With regard to next year as soon as we have any information or plan for preparing for next year and what is going to happen for the rest of the year we will let you know.

The plan is that we will update you on a regular basis most likely every other day unless there is a need to let you know something sooner.

As a federation we would like to remind parents and students that the schools are closed to try and stop the spread of Covid 19 and help the squeeze on the NHS. Please can students follow the advice and guidance about social distancing

All I ask of you now is keep yourself safe and please do stay at home as much as possible. There is work set for all years on the website please work your way through it and staff will update it on a regular basis.

Have a good week and thanks to everyone for all their efforts last week.

Best wishes

John Barnes  
Executive Headteacher