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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, the Government announced yesterday that BTEC exams were to go ahead as planned. The same message was repeated throughout the day by the Government and awarding bodies. Personally, I thought this was an unusual decision in view of the national crisis, however this left us with no choice but to prepare for the exams.

This evening the Government has released vague instructions for Headteachers to decide whether to proceed with BTEC exams, which states, 'in light of the evolving public health measures the school can judge if it is right to do so'.

As a Headteacher and a father of children about to undertake these exams I find myself in a very difficult position, making this decision in the absence of Government clarity. However, I feel keeping children and families safe from the transmission of Covid-19 should take priority. With this in mind, I feel that I have no choice but to cancel these exams. We know that the Government is yet to decide how year 11 grades will be awarded in BTEC and that year 10 pupils will be allowed to sit the exams next year. When we know more we will update further.

Sincere apologies for the lateness of this communication, but once again, we have only been advised of this via national news, at the same time as everyone else.

Yours sincerely

G Warnock

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Headteacher