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Dear Parent/Carer,

I appreciate this is an incredibly challenging time for students, their families and staff alike. Please be re-assured that as a school we have robust plans in place to ensure both continuity of learning for all ages and stages, as well as supporting Senior Phase students in preparation for what will be an alternative certification model for SQA diet 2020.

We have created a section on our website that provides a range of additional information for students and parents. This information includes technical support for accessing GLOW/Office 365/TEAMS, an overview of planned learning activities for the next two weeks within each curricular area and some advice and guidance for students and parents alike around how to manage their own wellbeing in these unprecedented times. The Link can be found at:

<http://www.armadaleacademy.co.uk/article/50589/School-Closure-Information>

I met with all Senior Phase students yesterday and gave them a brief overview of our plans to support them to achieve the best possible outcomes through the new SQA certification model. At present, we are planning an alternative provision for targeted groups to complete essential SQA Coursework. We will publish the detail of this as soon as possible after discussions with the Local Authority this afternoon.

Please can I ask that you regularly check the school communication channels such as the Website, our School App and Twitter page to ensure you are fully informed. We will also communicate directly with students via TEAMS of our plans for specific subjects.

I will endeavour to keep you informed of our plans on a regular basis. As I am sure you appreciate, our planning will need to be agile in response to what is an ever changing situation based on National and Local Authority advice.

Please be re-assured that we as a school will do everything we can to ensure we provide the best possible service to our students and their families at this time.

To ensure consistency of communication, should you have any specific questions or concerns, please direct them to the relevant Year Group link Depute Head Teachers and they will liaise with other school staff as required:



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Thank you for your support in advance

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Paris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graham Paris
Head Teacher