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Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE. COVID-19 Update for Parents – School Events/Calendar Revisions**

Firstly, thanks to all families for their on-going patience and support at this challenging time nationally. Teams across the school have been **exemplary** in coming together to support. I have clarity from Stirling Council regarding a number of key points concerning planned school events and will update parents on an on-going basis as and when relevant information is received. Key updates that currently affect the school calendar/planned events are as follows:

1. **S2 Parents' Evening** has now been postponed. Depending on the national situation, we will look to agree a date in the summer term to hold this so that parents still receive feedback.
2. Thursday's **PTN meeting** has been cancelled.
3. There is a 'pause' on all **primary transition** events.
4. The **Creative Industries Spring Showcase** has been cancelled.
5. **Easter Assemblies** have been cancelled.
6. There will be an update by the end of the week regarding the **S6 Graduation** and day away. Both are scheduled for the first week back after Easter.
7. **Foreign trips** – the Scottish Government has indicated that there should be no school trips abroad at this time. We are awaiting clarity on a confirmed timescale for this and insurance arrangements regarding parental refunds before confirming cancellation.
8. Due to the volume of preparation and uncertainty regarding bookings and tour providers, **Activities Day** will be cancelled this year. We will resume next session.
9. Non-urgent **TAC meetings** will be postponed. We will seek to communicate any key information as a supportive measure by telephone call until we can resume meetings.

Thanks again to families for their support and understanding in the midst of this developing situation. I anticipate things continuing to evolve in the days and weeks ahead and we will respond to information and advice as we receive it in as timeous, calm and sensitive a manner as possible. Any parent/carers with a personalised concern about their child's health and wellbeing should continue to follow NHS advice.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Pennock  
Head Teacher

