



# Milne's High School

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Dear Parent

I hope that your family is well and that you have had as nice an Easter break as possible.

As we begin the new term, this letter is to give you some updated information on the current situation. I also include letters from Vivienne Cross.

I ask that you continue to bear with us at this difficult time. We are often hearing announcements at the same time as they are being issued to the general public but please be assured that our contingency plans are already in place to minimise disruption to education. A huge thanks to our dedicated staff who transferred their entire teaching online in a matter of days and with little prior notice. We are still finding our feet with this new way of learning and teaching and ask for your continued patience. We have no further information about when schools are likely to re-open therefore I will be working under the assumption that we continue to work in this manner for the foreseeable future but with the hope that we all get back to normal sooner rather than later.

There will no doubt be much anxiety with regards to the SQA announcements that we shared over the holidays for pupils in S4-6. Please ask your child to regularly check and communicate with their teacher through Showmyhomework and the GLOW Teams apps and follow directions of staff. We are working hard to ensure that estimate grades are an accurate reflection of all their hard work to date and parents should try not to worry about the impact of the current climate as all pupils' hard work since last June will be taken into account. We are expecting further information on this matter at the end of next week and will be in touch thereafter.

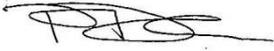
I would like to acknowledge how well our pupils are responding to this challenging situation. This is an opportunity for young people to lead their own learning while progressing as much as possible. Although we are not in school and following the normal timetable, staff will be setting work with the weekly equivalent of as near to what would be happening in school as possible and will direct pupils how to submit work for marking. Those who do not have IT access at home should contact the school office using the admin e-mail account for next steps on how to complete and submit work. Similarly, parents with any questions about work can contact their child's guidance teacher through the admin email account.

Parents may choose to create their own timetable at home to suit your family's needs. Your child's physical and mental health and wellbeing is the priority at this time so please do not worry if they are missing deadlines or not completing work due to anxiety or other important family matters. Communication with your child's guidance teacher can relay any concerns to staff and help to resolve any issues. Furthermore, there have been enquiries about events, transition to the next stage of schooling and return to school arrangements. Please be assured that we are meeting regularly to plan for return to school scenarios and will share plans when appropriate to do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should we be able to help or answer any questions. Please ask your friends to check their settings as some parents have had difficulty receiving communication. You should contact your child's guidance teacher in the first instance. Guidance will be in contact with vulnerable families, where staff have alerted them to a lack of contact with your child. You can contact your child's guidance teacher via the school office during normal school office hours.

Please pass on my best wishes to your child. Take care of yourselves at this time and I look forward to being in touch soon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs T Cameron', written in a cursive style.

Mrs T Cameron  
Head Teacher