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Dear Young Person

You may have heard from the First Minister on Wednesday that schools and nurseries will close from the end of the day on Friday. The Deputy First Minister further announced on Thursday afternoon that the exam diet in 2020 cannot go ahead and an alternative certification model will be developed. It is anticipated that this model will use course-work, teacher assessments of estimated grades and prior attainment as the basis of certification.

To support you, your teachers will continue to work with you over the coming weeks to ensure that any units and coursework are completed and estimated grades are provided, drawing on all available evidence gathered from your course work and assessments carried out throughout the past year. Your school will provide you with further information regarding how they can best support you with this work either in your school or remotely, eg digitally or through teacher input / direction and then with the specific SQA arrangements once these are clearer. There is no expectation that you attend school as normal.

I fully appreciate that this will be an uncertain time for you as I am aware that you have worked hard throughout the year and will now be worried about what this means for you. I can assure you that both nationally, and locally in Dumfries and Galloway, I am working closely with SQA and your headteachers who will do their utmost to ensure that your hard work is rightly and fairly recognised, and allows you to proceed with confidence to further learning or work.

Please take care and look after each other in such a difficult time. Our schools and communities are very proud of our young people and we will all work with you in securing your futures.

Yours sincerely



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