

4th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

June In-Service Day(s)

Schools are now into the third week of the new term and are very much enjoying having all the children and young people back in school for face to face learning. As always, the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff are of the greatest importance and your support in encouraging your children to continue to follow all the Public Health guidance is greatly appreciated to make sure that any risks of spreading the Covid virus are addressed.

This is a really important term for all learners and this is very much the case for young people in the Senior Phase (S4-6), who will be completing courses and sitting assessments that will count towards their final grades in Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) courses.

You may be aware that the Scottish Government has asked all Secondary schools in Scotland to make use of **two** additional In-Service days this term. During these two days, teaching staff will be working on assessment moderation, which will mean that they are working with colleagues in their own school and in other schools to make sure that assessment judgements are in line with SQA national standards. This is a very important part of the quality assurance process and will be happening right across the country.

The two days that have been allocated are **Monday 7 June** and **Tuesday 8 June** for our Secondary schools, and this means that all the schools will be closed to pupils on those dates as staff undertake this important moderation work.

During these two days, some Secondary schools may ask some young people to attend for assessment purposes. Your school will be in touch with further details about this in due course.

In Primary schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings, the Scottish Government has agreed that there is to be **one** day for In-Service development. This will take place on **Monday 7 June**. All Primary schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings will be closed to children on that date.

To sum up:

- **All Primary Schools and Early Learning and Childcare settings will be closed to children on Monday 7 June.**

- **All Secondary schools will be closed on Monday 7 June and Tuesday 8 June to children and young people** (unless schools invite specific young people to come in for assessment purposes).

Thank you as always for your support as this term continues.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Grant'.

Nicky Grant
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