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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, the First Minister made a statement in Parliament which detailed that as of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Scotland would enter a lockdown phase once again. The Scottish Government has produced information on the most up to date guidance on staying at home.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-update-first-ministers-statement-monday-4-january-2021>

The announcement of the lockdown yesterday means the following arrangements will take place until at least 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021:

- **School Closure**

Northfield Academy will be closed to all pupils and parents with the exception of the children of identified keyworkers and vulnerable pupils.

- **Keyworker and vulnerable pupils**

11<sup>th</sup> January the children of keyworkers and the most vulnerable learners will be supported in school buildings to engage with their Google Classroom as the curriculum will be delivered remotely to all learners. This approach will ensure that all children and young people have equal access to their curriculum and is in keeping with the national guidance. These pupils can attend school from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 where the initial focus will be on wellbeing. Those pupils attending who qualify for free school meals will be given a soup and sandwich lunch in school and there will also be the opportunity to purchase food from the canteen too.

- **Digital Remote Learning**

From 11<sup>th</sup> January all other pupils will access their curriculum remotely through Google classroom where teaching staff will deliver this virtually. Pupils identified as requiring digital devices in order to access their learning will be contacted by the school and be given an appointment to collect their assigned chrome book.

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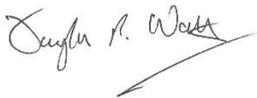
- **Use of Google classroom software**

In order to maintain continuity of teaching and learning for your child, can I ask for your support in encouraging them to engage as fully as possible with the learning being delivered through Google classroom. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that they should not be directly contacting teachers through this platform; if you have a query please contact the main school office in the usual way either by telephone or email.

Extensive planning is required to implement the actions highlighted above. As a school, we are totally committed to doing our very best to maintain the continuity of learning for our young people. For now, we are doing this by working hard to reinstate and further develop our approaches to digital learning. If we compare where we are now with digital learning with where we were in the previous lockdown, significant progress has been made. This is testament to how we work as a school community and to your ongoing support.

Please be assured that I will keep you well informed and continue to provide you with key updates when I receive them.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas R. Watt". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Douglas Watt  
Head Teacher