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Dear Parent/Carer

### **SQA Update – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

SQA have issued a further update today regarding their alternative certification model for 2020. The full statement can be found on their website at <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/93920.html>. They are working on three broad principles:

- Fairness to all learners
- Safe and secure certification of the qualifications
- Maintaining the integrity and credibility of the qualifications system, ensuring that standards are maintained over time, in the interests of learners

It has been reiterated that results will be provided to learners by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**. In order to complete this a four-step plan is to be implemented:

#### **Step 1 – Estimates**

Schools will provide estimate grades to SQA by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. SQA class an estimated grade as being “not just the result of one prelim or one project, but is an overall judgement based on all activity across the year”.

#### **Step 2 – Awarding**

As the awarding body, SQA will check and validate the information provided by schools, before moderating it to ensure consistency across schools and colleges and with results from previous years. **Estimates may be moderated up or down if required.**

#### **Step 3 – Results and Certification**

Results will be processed to allow SQA to issue learners with their individual results by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**. SQA continue to strongly encourage all learner to sign up to [MySQA](#), the online and text service, as a direct way to receive their results.

#### **Step 4 – Appeals**

After 4<sup>th</sup> August an appeals service will be available to schools and colleges to request a review of the grade awarded for a learner or group of learners. Full details of this service will be provided shortly by SQA.

#### **Further Information**

Further information is available for learners, parents and carers in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section of the SQA website.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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