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Dear Parent/Carer

SQA Update – April 2020

SQA have issued an update to schools and colleges with further guidance on their arrangements for certification of courses in session 2019/20. To support this, they have produced an FAQ (frequently asked questions) for parents/carers which can be found at <https://t.co/3iPJigHrcL?amp=1>. Updates, when published, are clearly displayed on their website www.sqa.org.uk and on their Twitter feed [@sqanews](https://twitter.com/sqanews). If young people have not done so already, I would recommend they sign up to MySQA at <https://www.mysqa.org.uk/>.

Exam Certification

As a part of this update, further guidance has been issued on how exams will be certificated this year, as a result of the decision to cancel the exam diet. This can be found in the 'Estimate Grades' section of the FAQ for parents/carers.

"We are asking teachers and lecturers at schools and colleges across the country to use their professional judgement, and knowledge of your work, to make an estimate of the grade and band. This will be based on learners' demonstrated and inferred attainment of the required skills, knowledge and understanding for each course at National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher.

This will provide SQA with the information needed to allow us to adjust estimates where necessary, to ensure consistency both across the country, and in comparison with previous years.

We will provide detailed guidance to schools and colleges on how to determine and submit this estimate information after Easter, and by 20 April 2020."

SQA are the awarding body and will make all decisions regarding the grades awarded to candidates.

This is an unprecedented, challenging and ever changing situation for everyone. I will continue to update you when further information is given to schools.

Yours sincerely,

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