

# Stranraer Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

As you will be aware from national press, the rate of Covid infections is high. This has put schools across the country under pressure and forced many to close, at least partially.

At Stranraer Academy we have been under considerable Covid-related pressure for several weeks. We have managed to avoid closure through the hard work and flexibility of our staff and the cooperation of our pupils. However this week, with high numbers of teaching and non-teaching staff isolating for at least the remainder of the week, I have made the decision to partially close.

**S1 - S3 pupils will move to remote learning on Thursday 24 March and Friday 25 March.**

The school will fully re-open for all pupils on Monday 28 March. We will monitor infection levels closely and inform parents / carers as soon as possible if any partial closure is necessary next week.

This approach allows us to maintain face-to-face teaching for senior pupils as they complete SQA coursework, final assessments and prepare for exams.

I understand the challenge to parents / carers in this decision and apologise for the disruption. I hope informing you as early as possible will provided time for making alternative arrangements. I also hope I have your confidence that this decision is taken reluctantly and having exhausted all alternatives.

I'm grateful for your continued support during the pandemic.

Yours sincerely

J Farquhar  
Acting Head Teacher