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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update, 18th March 2020

This update sets out the school's immediate response to the First Minister's statement about school closures on Wednesday 18th March.

Further information about when and for how long schools, including Edinburgh Steiner School, will have to close for is likely to be forthcoming in the next day or two. However, in terms of the effects on prelim exams, which are taking place this week and next, the School is taking advice from The Scottish Council of Independent Schools (SCIS). John Edward, the Director of SCIS, issued the following to member schools at lunchtime today:

The First Minister has just announced that it is “inevitable” that schools will close at the end of this week. We should “not assume” that schools will open after the Easter holidays or, indeed, before the summer holidays.

The DFM will give a statement to Parliament tomorrow at 2pm – which will cover the impact on vulnerable pupils, on those facing exams, and those families of critical workers.

I expect that to include emergency measures

School buildings *may* continue to be used for those purposes.

That being the case, exam candidates with scheduled prelims should assume that there is no change to their prelim timetable, or the location of their prelim, unless informed otherwise.

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