



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Partial School Closure

You will be aware that yesterday the government significantly altered their advice to the nation in addressing the threat of the COVID -19 virus. This advice can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

As a result, staff absence has increased significantly and will remain at a very high level for the foreseeable future.

As Headteacher, I have to balance my ambition for the school to remain open with the numbers of staff available to effectively supervise and teach students. I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that, due to staff absence, we will have to partially close the school to some students. This will be effective from Wednesday 18 March and will run until then end of term (Friday 3 April).

- Year 11 will continue in school full time
- Year 7-10 will operate a "one day in, one day out" approach. This means that students never go more than one school day out of school.

Wed 18 th	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Thur 19 th	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Fri 20 th	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Mon 23 rd	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Tues 24 th	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Wed 25 th	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Thurs 26 th	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Fri 27 th	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Mon 30 th	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Tues 31 st	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Wed 1 st April	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9
Thurs 2 nd	School closed to yr 7 & yr 10
Fri 3 rd	School closed to yr 8 & yr 9

For students out of school, work will be provided via Google classroom or Classcharts to complete at home. Students will follow their normal timetabled lessons for the days they are in school.

Closing the school to any student is among the hardest decisions I have to make as a Headteacher. Please be assured that the decision has been taken following significant discussion and review and was not taken lightly. I understand that this will cause inconvenience and have a detrimental impact on family life and I offer my sincere apology for this. However, we just cannot operate the school safely with the numbers of staff now absent.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Johnson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher