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Dear Parent/Guardian

Arrangements for students – Friday 20 March

I am sure you will be aware that as a result of the announcement from the Government yesterday, the school will be closed to most students from Monday 23 March.

We will be in touch with you in due course to outline further arrangements relating to on-line learning and the scheme that the Trust will run relating to vulnerable students and children of key workers.

Whilst there is some clarity about next week, the school is still under severe staffing pressure today and tomorrow due to staff self-isolating or other illness. Once again, we have had to risk assess our provision and the care of our students and have decided the following for tomorrow (Friday 20 March):

- The school will be open from **9am** for Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 only;
- Year 8 and year 9 will be in school for one hour, during which time they will empty their school locker and meet with their tutor. We will take the opportunity to double check that they have access to google classrooms. They will then be dismissed by 10am;
- Year 11 will be in school until 11am. They will have the opportunity to empty their school locker and Mr Bandy and others are planning for a final assembly with the group. If they wish to bring a shirt in to sign then please do;
- The school will be closed to Year 7 and Year 10 (they will have the opportunity in school today to empty lockers). Any students not in school today can come to school at 9am tomorrow morning and go to the Sports Hall. They will be registered, sent to clear their lockers, and then they will be allowed to leave the school site immediately.

We would also like to ask Year 11 students to bring into school any **PPE/exam/coursework pieces or pieces of substantial written work**. The reason for this request is that, in the absence of examinations, the DfE **may** require schools to support any judgements about grades with evidence. We do not know that this will be necessary, but it might be and we do not want to miss the opportunity to collate this work

Thank you for your patience in what has been the most difficult context to provide education that I have ever known.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson Headteacher