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Dear Parent/Carer of Sixth Form students

As you may be aware the decision has been made to close the school for the rest of this week for Years 8, 9 and 10. This is because we will not be able to staff the full timetable or resource the levels of cleaning and hygiene management that we have been able to operate up until now.

The school remains open for Years 12 and 13 (as well as Years 7 and 11). A normal and full teaching timetable will continue. The reason for this is so that we can continue to prepare students for their A level exams. If the class teacher is not in school due to self-isolation, then we will try to ensure that the class are taught by a subject specialist.

In accordance with the Government guidelines on social distancing, we are happy to allow Year 12 and Year 13 students to attend just for their lessons. If students do this then the expectation is that they work at home and keep themselves socially distanced from others. For students who are not in morning registration a safeguarding text will be sent home as normal. However, due to these exceptional circumstances and the volume of messages we are receiving, you do not need to reply to this text if you are aware that your child is at home studying. If you receive the safeguarding text and you think your child should be in school, or they are absent for another reason, then please contact us. We would expect students to keep you informed when they are leaving school during the day.

Can I make it clear that all COVID-19 related absences, through illness or self-isolation, will be authorised and it is so crucial that we support the whole community by not coming to school if we have symptoms or are in a household that has symptoms, for the prescribed period of self-isolation. The latest advice and guidance on this can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronaviruscovid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

We are in the process of explaining to students how we will be setting work should the school be closed in the coming weeks. Any communication to an individual student will be via their school e-mail.

These are exceptional times; I would like to thank you all for your continued support, co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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