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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for waiting patiently for this communication, the situation is evolving quickly and I wanted to be clear in the message we were sending to parents/carers.

Despite the guidance from the government not to close schools, we will not be able to staff the full timetable tomorrow or resource the levels of cleaning and hygiene management that we have been able to operate up until now.

Therefore, we have made the decision to close the school **tomorrow, Wednesday 18 March, for Years 8, 9, and 10**. We will deliver the timetable as normal (although with cover as necessary) to Years 7, 11, 12 and 13. This will be the case for the rest of this week.

Our rationale around the choice of Year groups is as follows:

- We wish to protect the teaching of examination classes in Years 11, 12 and 13.
- Whilst schools are currently expected to remain open, we would want to remain in the position where we can continue to follow Public Health England guidance around hygiene management.
- We want to ensure that students in Year 7, the youngest year group, are in school to ease the pressure of childcare on parents/carers.

We have also made the decision to cancel, for the time being, after school and extra-curricular activities (including the 'achieve' sessions) including sporting fixtures. We have also cancelled or postponed all school trips for the time being.

Year 10 Parents' Evening will not go ahead next week, I will endeavour to get a written report out to parents/carers by way of an update for Year 10, but I would ask you to bear with us at this time as we work through the issues of the moment.

We have also increased still further our contracted cleaning hours and added additional time to our break and lunchtimes in order to wash hands so that those Year groups that will be in school have the required high levels of hygiene. I would encourage Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 to attend school early enough so that they can wash their hands prior to the school day starting.

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Can I make it clear that all COVID-19 related absences through illness or self-isolation will be authorised. 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/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

We will not have the capacity to set work for individual students. Please do not request this. We will write to you tomorrow to explain how we will be setting work for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 via our VLE.

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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