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To Parents and Carers,

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Covid-19. We are continuing to be wholly responsible in fulfilling the duty of care we have to our students, staff and our wider school community, including you all, by following the advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

With that at the forefront of our minds, we have taken the decision today that, because of staff shortages, caused by self-isolating as advised by the Government, we are closing the school to students in Year 9 and Year 10 on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March.

However, we are keeping the school open for the remaining Year groups:

- This is because of the need to prioritise students who are due to have public examinations very soon
- By remaining open for the younger year groups, we trust that we are alleviating childcare concerns that parents may have.

I want to reassure you that the reason for the part-closure, for students in Year 9 and 10, is solely so that we can focus our staff on other year groups. Students in Year 9 and 10 will be set work via the 'Show My Homework' website, which students should access online.

We will review the partial closure on Thursday and will update all parents and carers accordingly following our meeting that day.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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