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Dear Parent/Carer

Partial Closure: School Closing to Years 8, 9 and 10 this Thursday and Friday

As you know, the government has issued specific guidance for groups who are at particular risk as a result of Coronavirus, advising them to self-isolate as far as possible over the coming weeks, as well as advising anyone with symptoms, and the rest of their household, to self-isolate for 14 days.

As a result of this, we are supporting a significant number of our teaching and support staff to remain at home.

This means that we have had to take the difficult decision to close the school to pupils in Years 8, 9 and 10 on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March.

We will review the situation on Friday and contact all parents about our plans for next week and beyond. It is our expectation that some kind of partial closure will continue for the weeks ahead and certainly until we break up for Easter. This may impact on different year groups at different times whilst we try to balance the educational needs of all students as far as we can.

We recognise the significant impact this will have, not only on pupils and their learning, but also on your family lives. Please be assured that this is not a decision we have taken lightly. However, our primary concern is the safety of our students and staff and we must take all necessary steps to protect them and support our wider school community.

As noted yesterday, learning and revision resources will be made available via ClassCharts and further messages with more details about this will follow shortly.

Children in Years 8, 9 and 10 who are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a bag containing lunches for Thursday and Friday from the canteen at the end of school.

Students in Year 11 will shortly be given email contact details for their class teachers so that they can provide advice and support in preparation for GCSEs.

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, we will continue to keep you advised as the situation develops.

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