

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a school, the health and well-being of our students, staff and wider community is, as always, our absolute priority.

We take our duty of care extremely seriously and every decision is made with the best interests of your children in mind. We are therefore continuing to closely follow advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

In light of this and the rapidly evolving developments, we have taken the decision to temporarily close the school to students in Year 7, 8 & 9 as a result of a number of staff shortages due to self-isolation/absence, as advised by the Government.

**We ask that students in Year 7, 8 & 9 do not come to school from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March and instead remain at home. The school will be open for students in all other year groups.**

We will review the partial closure on an on-going basis and will update all parents and carers accordingly.

Whilst we understand the partial school closure may cause disruption for you and your family, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. As always, we are committed to ensuring that our students receive the best possible education and will be working hard to minimise the impact of the temporary closure on your child's education.

Work for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be provided as outlined below:

<https://www.classcharts.com/student/login> (All parents and students have received a login)

Paper based work packs will also be available from the academy reception, if required.

Further information specific to your child will follow. However, in the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,



W R Hughes  
Principal.