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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is always our intention to keep the school open for all students so that as many students as possible can attend and participate in classroom lessons. There are times, however when we have to make a decision to review that position in light of staffing. Currently we have a large number of staff who are unable to attend school due to reasons associated with COVID-19, and we know that this staffing issue will continue into next week. This has made it impossible to staff all classes throughout the school day.

We would much rather take a planned approach to our decisions, although there are times when decisions have to be made quickly to respond to the changing situations evolving around us. For this reason, I have decided to close the school to the majority of Year 7 students (all forms except 7M), and some Year 8 students (band 8A only) on Tuesday 8th December to Friday 11th December. These groups have been chosen as they have been disrupted the least so far by COVID cases and contact tracing.

I understand that this puts many parents in a difficult position, but having discussed this with the school governors and public health England I feel there is no alternative. Students will continue to access lessons from home via TEAMS for the rest of the week.

I would like to reassure you that all of our procedures have been followed with regards to limiting transmission across the school. I continue to request that parents keep their children at home if they are unwell in any way.

For those students who access free school meals, we are able to provide food parcels, but we will need you to contact us, and collect these from school. Please ring school if you are eligible for free school meals and would like to collect a food parcel. We aim to have the food parcel available within 48 hours of your phone call.

We expect that all Year 7 and 8 students who are learning from home this week will return to school on Monday 14th December.

We ask that all students register online with their form tutor every day, it is compulsory to attend lessons online. If there are any issues with this then they must let their form tutor know as soon as they can so that work packs can be issued.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter and your on-going support of the school.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Sweeney
Headteacher

