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Dear Parent and Carer

Again thank you for your support in these difficult times.

As a school, we are following as much as possible the advice from the Prime Minister. Our intention is to stay as open as possible until instructed otherwise.

Yesterday I met with my Senior Leadership team and had to make the decision to close the school for Year 10 and Year 12, whilst keeping it open for all other year groups. This was simply due to a shortage of staff. Today I am short of 11 members of staff. Some of these are “high risk” members of staff who I instructed to stay home and some are staff who are self-isolating. My priority has to be the teaching of exam groups in Year 11 and Year 13. I would also like to prioritise the younger students as they would have to be looked after at home and this would have a greater impact on parents.

All other activities such as clubs, sporting fixtures and detentions will have to be put on hold in the short term.

These are not easy times. All I can do is try wherever possible and do our duty of staying open until we are instructed otherwise.

Best wishes to you and your families

Yours sincerely

Tim Body
Headteacher

