

**Mr Chris Thomas BSc**  
**Headteacher**

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Dear Parents/Carers

I want to update you on the school's current position regarding the Coronavirus.

As I write to you this afternoon we have an increased number of staff absent and that number is continuing to rise. Running the school for all students with such high levels of staff absence is not practical and whilst we have done our best yesterday and today we cannot sustain it any longer.

From tomorrow onwards the school will be closed to **most** Year 7 and Year 8. Reducing the number of students in school will allow me to redeploy their teachers to take the classes of students who have exams this summer and ensure we have safe levels of staff in school relative to the number of students on site.

School will remain open for Students in Years 7 and 8 who have **Free School Meals and for any children in those years whose parents are frontline NHS or service staff who need the school to help with childcare so they can continue to work.** Any Year 7 and 8 students who come in should report to the dining room at 8.30.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 can continue to come to school as usual.

Work for students who are not at school will be shared via the online platform Show My Homework and the students know how to access this. Please encourage your child to log on during the day, check the work set and complete it as best they can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



C. Thomas

Headteacher