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Dear Parents,

Year 8 Closure

In writing to you I ask for your understanding and support and to recognise that in these strange times the smooth running of the school is sometimes impossible. What I am about to put in place is **NOT** to do with any COVID issue within school and I want to reassure you that is the case.

Hopefully you know I will always do the best by my students and staff. Therefore, because of high staff absence I have to maintain staffing for as many year groups as possible; to that end I am going to **close the school for Year 8 only from Monday 5th October 2020 until Friday 9th October 2020 (students will return to school on Monday 12th October 2020)**. Key workers' children will be allowed into school as was the case during the full lockdown. All learning for Year 8 will now move back to online as before; where work will be set on ClassCharts and the Year 8 Online Home Learning Timetable will be operation (the timetable is available on the home page of our school website).

This will be short term for Year 8 and students will be expected back in on the 12th October 2020. This will allow us to maintain the teaching of examination groups without further disruption. I understand that we have only just come back after closing for two weeks but circumstances are not normal as you may appreciate.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Shone
Headteacher