

26th July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

URGENT – EMERGENCY CLOSURE DAYS

For many years, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has provided specific training to all special schools on behaviour management, de-escalation, and physical intervention. This training, certified by the Local Authority (LA), ensures that all staff are fully qualified, competent, and certified to use certain behaviour management techniques in school. This is outlined in our Management of Behaviour Policy, which is a statutory policy for all schools to have.

In early July, the LA informed us that they were no longer able to offer this training and certification to Nottinghamshire Special Schools, and that we were to source an external provider. Because the new training is slightly different from previous training, all staff must now complete a two-day training course rather than the usual half-day provided by the LA.

Due to this change, we have been forced to make a rolling emergency closure of certain phases during the final week of the first half term in October. The schedule for closures is as follows:

- **Wednesday, October 16th, 2024:** School closed to 14-19 children (school fully open to Primary and Key Stage 3 children).
- **Thursday, October 17th, 2024:** School closed to Key Stage 3 children (school fully open to 14-19 and Primary children).
- **Friday, October 18th, 2024:** School closed to Primary children (school fully open to 14-19 and Key Stage 3 children).

We appreciate that this is an inconvenience and share your frustration that this has come at such short notice. Once completed, staff will be able to have the regular one-day refresher course, and this should not cause any future problems.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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