



Longdendale

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Tuesday 8th December 2020

Dear Families,

RE: Partial School Closure: School closed to learners in Year 7 Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December 2020

As a school we continue to face significant issues with staffing due to the coronavirus pandemic. Whilst we expect the majority of staff to return by the end of this week, we still remain in the difficult position of being unable to safely re-open school to all learners due to our current staffing capacity.

Consequently, school will continue to be **closed to all learners in Year 7 on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December 2020**. This is due to staffing capacity and not individual learner's contact with any confirmed cases of coronavirus. This is a school closure for these learners, not a period of self-isolation.

Those learners in Year 7 who have had provision in school today and yesterday because they have an EHCP, Social Worker or limited ICT access or because they are the children of critical workers can continue to access provision in school. These learners should attend school as normal on Wednesday and Thursday and go to M8.

Learners in Year 7 who are remaining at home will be expected to engage with our **remote learning** offer. An email will be directly to learners' email accounts outlining the remote learning. All Year 7 learners should login to Microsoft Teams at 8:30 am for Tutor Time.

School is open as normal to all learners in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11.

There will be no PE lessons for learners attending school, so learners should attend school in their full school uniform this week.

Learners who are self-isolating due to the coronavirus should continue to self-isolate as per our earlier guidance.

As you are no doubt aware, the school has experienced a rise in confirmed cases of coronavirus, but I can assure families that we have worked closely with Public Health England and Tameside's Local Health Protection Team in our management of and response to these cases. We have met with these agencies twice in the past week to review the school's current risk assessment and practices. Public Health are confident that all appropriate measures are in place in school and that we are dealing highly effectively with any confirmed cases.

We appreciate that the periods of self-isolation that some learners are completing and the partial school closures that the school community has experienced over the past few weeks may be causing disruption to normal family routines and we are extremely grateful to families for their continued support and understanding during this difficult period.

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I will write to all families again on Thursday with an update but I am optimistic about our ability to re-open school to all year groups on Friday.

Yours sincerely,

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