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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, Covid cases are on the rise in the area and, unfortunately, it has hit our staff hard. We have struggled to stay open this week with three teachers and a member of the pastoral team having tested positive at the weekend – all of them are very unwell.

We have now had another member of the teaching staff test positive and two more members of the teaching staff feeling very unwell so, clearly the number of teachers off school is likely to increase before the end of the week. Supply agencies are unable to provide supply teachers as many schools are in the same situation.

Therefore, with regret, I have had to take the decision to close a year group so that we can keep staff to student ratios at a safe level. I am mindful of the impact of this but also of the implications for child care and so I have decided that Year 10 will need to stay at home on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March and lessons will be set online. These lessons will not be live as the teachers in school will be needed to cover lessons for those children who are in school.

I am hopeful that things will be on a more even keel next week – if not, I will have to look at rotating year groups being in school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Bevan
Headteacher