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Dear Parents and Carers

PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

Over the last few days, like many other schools, we have been experiencing some significant issues with staff and student absence due to a number of issues, including COVID-19. Staff have worked incredibly hard throughout the pandemic and in the last few weeks to ensure the quality of education is to a high standard.

Unfortunately, due to these absences, I am now at the stage where I have had to make the decision to partially close the academy as the low staffing numbers are compounded by the lack of supply and agency staff available in the area.

I believe it is essential for the well-being of students that they are in the academy every day, and have therefore taken the decision that on **FRIDAY 25 MARCH** and on **MONDAY 28 MARCH, the academy will open for Period 2 at 9.35 am onwards**. All students should attend their normal school day from this point. **NO STUDENTS** should arrive at the academy before 9.20 am, when the gates will open.

This plan will ensure that every student is in every day, while giving the academy staff time to plan their lessons, particularly those who are not subject specialists in the area they will be teaching in.

This decision will be reviewed again on Monday 28 March and we will keep you informed as the situation develops.

In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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