

28 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Over the last two weeks we have attempted to operate the school at full capacity, despite rising staff absence. I am writing to you with deep regret that the staff absence levels continue to rise and places me in a position whereby it is not possible to cover all lessons with a teaching member of staff. This is clearly a health and safety issue.

After consulting with the local authority, I have made a decision to close the school to students in years 9 and 10 until Thursday 3 February. This position will be reviewed and communicated on Wednesday.

Families with students that are deemed vulnerable will be offered a place inside the school, however, please note we are limited in capacity. You will receive a text message to offer a place during this partial closure. Families in receipt of free school meals entitlement will receive a Wonde voucher of £9 to cover the three days.

Student affected by this (e.g. year 9 and 10) will be set work by their subject teachers using [oak academy - https://classroom.thenational.academy/](https://classroom.thenational.academy/)

Students will be required to follow their usual timetable with an encouragement to have breaks and the normal school times and general exercise when PE is timetabled.

With regret



Bryan Erwin

Principal