17th March 2020

Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

We have had to make the difficult decision to close the school for Year 9 students tomorrow (Wednesday 18 March 2020) until at least Mon 23rd March. This is due to chronic staff absence caused by the current Coronavirus pandemic. We will update parents by text, social media and our website on Friday regarding whether the school is open for Year 9 on Monday 23rd March.

In addition, students will have their lessons uploaded to epraise as soon as possible. Please encourage them to access their epraise account in order to continue learning.

We really do not wish to put extra pressure on parents at this difficult time, particularly those that would normally be working so if you are working this week and you feel that you cannot supervise your child appropriately, or that you are unhappy with them being at home alone, please contact us and we will allow them in school thus enabling you to continue to work.

In addition, if your child receives free school meals and you would like them to have a packed lunch, they can come in and collect one between 10:50 – 11:20 but please inform reception by 9:30am so that we can prepare their lunch for them.

This situation is very far from perfect and we will support parents in any way possible so do please call us if you need anything that we can help with. Thank you for your patience in dealing with such a challenging situation.

Yours faithfully

Mr N S Giles

Headteacher