

THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I write to update you regarding planned partial school closures for different year groups. The school is analysing current and predicted staff absences, and balancing the impact on students and staff.

- Today, Wednesday 18th March 2020, school is closed to Year 12 students.
- Tomorrow, Thursday 19th March 2020, school will be closed to Years 10 and 12.
- Friday 20th March 2020, school will be closed to Years 8, 9 and 10.

I will inform parents on Friday regarding any planned closures for next week.

If you work in the **health, education, child care or emergency services sectors**, your children will still be able to attend school, even if their year group is not attending school that day (providing they are well and not self-isolating). If your employment places you in any of these categories, please let your child's Head of Year know in advance so that suitable cover can be arranged.

We have cancelled all of our events for this term including sports fixtures, parents' evenings and the Spring Concert. We are also routinely not holding assemblies. We are reducing our face to face meetings and so, if you need to speak with your child's teachers or Head of Year, please arrange a mutually convenient time to talk on the telephone.

Teaching and support staff are covering for absent colleagues in all areas of the school's operations. Our focus is on teaching the children who are present in school. We will also try to set work for year groups who are at home in partial school closure. Staff will not set individualised work for children who are absent from school due to self-isolation or illness. The children are aware of the many online learning platforms we use and they should access these if not in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and many kind messages. I could not be more proud of how our entire school community is rallying round in these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

D J Gray
Headteacher



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