



18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to inform you that we will be partially closing to the following year group tomorrow:

- The school will be closed to **Y8 students on Thursday 19th March**; they should return on Friday 20th March as usual
- All other Years groups should attend as normal

We expect that any decisions about further closures will be communicated tomorrow morning following an assessment of staffing levels. This partial closure is because we have significant staff absence related to Coronavirus. Planning ahead, the need for most of these staff to self-isolate for up to 14 days means we anticipate further partial closures. However, we cannot also rule out full closure. Under all circumstances we will keep you informed as far ahead as we reasonably can and respond to any Government advice.

If you have any short-term welfare concerns about your son or daughter being off school tomorrow please contact Mr Morrison, preferably by email d.morrison@bridgewaterhigh.com or Mrs Hatton t.hatton@bridgewaterhigh.com

What can students do?

- Work will be set online for each class through Show My Homework (SMHW). Guidance can be found on the school website. <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/coronavirus/>
- Further guidance can be found at <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/School-Closure-Student-Work-1.pdf>

Year 8 students will be informed before the end of the school day. We have tried our best to remain open but the sheer volume of staff absence means that we must move to a partial closure. I appreciate this will be disruptive to parents and carers but I trust you will be supportive of our decision under these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Long, Principal

