



Dear Students, Parents and Carers

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URGENT Important Announcement School Closure

We have been notified of more cases of Covid-19 this evening and some more potential cases, including staff members. Whilst we are dealing with each case individually, the impact of the cases is that we have very high levels of staff absence and we now do not have enough teachers to deliver education in school safely for the next two days. Therefore, I have reluctantly taken the decision that we need to close the school for this term with immediate effect. I have spoken with Oxfordshire County Council and with Governors and they fully support this decision. This is not something that I have done lightly, but I believe that it is the right thing to do for everyone's safety.

In the morning, teachers will set work for students to do at home. This will be posted on Insight. We will then bring forward our training on Microsoft Teams and we will be in touch to tell you more about how this will work. We hope to trial more lessons this week now.

I am sorry to tell you this late in the evening but the additional cases only were known about this evening. I thought parents would prefer to know tonight rather than having to close in the morning.

If childcare is an issue tomorrow, you are welcome to send your child to school tomorrow and we will arrange for supervised study in year group bubbles. We will have enough staff in school to provide this and it is safe to do this. If you wish to use this provision, your child should come to school at 8,25am and report to Reception. They will need to bring a packed lunch.

I will be in touch tomorrow with updates. Thank you for your continuing support and I know you will realise that we are doing this in the interests of safety of students, staff and families.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Shadbolt,
Headteacher