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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that the school will be closed for Y12 students on Monday 21st March, and that we will be asking Y12 students to work at home on that day. I very much regret that the school has had to implement this partial closure. The decision to do so has been forced on us by extreme and rapidly escalating levels of staff absence, much of which is directly linked to COVID. The school has only been notified today of the most recent cases.

The school will reopen fully as soon as staffing levels allow. We are hopeful that this measure taken will only be for one day, and that other school days will not be affected. However, if we do need to continue to partially close on 22nd March and beyond, these closures will be on a rota basis, with a different year group being asked to work from home on each day (with the exception of Y11 and Y13 who will remain in school full-time). This means that, unless we need to extend the partial closure across more than five school days, Y12 will not be affected again.

Due to the current circumstances, we cannot offer live lessons for students working at home. However, work for all Y12 classes should be available on Teams. If students need clarification of what they should be working on and how to approach the tasks set, they should contact their teachers via email.

Y12 students should return to school at the normal time of 8.50 on Tuesday 22nd March.

Please contact me at Farlingaye if you have any questions about this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Sievewright

Headteacher
Farlingaye High School