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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you of the situation at Wolfreton as the week has progressed.

We have assessed our staffing situation today and also what we know about staffing over the coming days. Having done so, I am unfortunately writing to advise you that we will have insufficient staff to be able to open the school safely for all young people from tomorrow. Therefore, from Thursday 19 March 2020 we will only be open to students in Years 11 and 13.

In an effort to support the community at this time, we are working to identify the parents / carers of key workers who work in health, education or the police service. We have surveyed our young people to gain an indication of numbers in this group. If you are a key worker in one of the categories below and would like your child to be supervised in school during this partial closure, please can I ask that you let us know as soon as possible by emailing enquiries@wolfreton.co.uk. The categories are:

- Working in healthcare or social care (e.g. nurses, doctors, paramedics, care workers, midwives, health visitors, social workers, cleaners, caretakers, nursery assistants)
- Staff working in a school – where the school remains open (e.g. teachers, TAs, cleaners, caretakers, lunchtime supervisors)

At this time we will continue to support these young people in school. We will not be in a position to staff their normal timetable, however we will supervise them to complete the home learning set by our staff. We would like to continue to support key workers in their service to our community for as long as we are able to. At this time I am unable to confirm when that might be as the picture continues to change.

In my letter yesterday, I provided information related to the work that our staff have prepared to support learning in the event of a closure. An Overview Grid detailing this work has now been emailed to all students on their new student emails. This will either direct them to work set on one of our outline learning platforms, to work in our Learning Beyond the Classroom booklet (Year 7, 8 and 9) sent home yesterday, or to a link to online resources on our SharePoint site.

If your child currently receives a free school meal, we have arranged with our catering partner Chartwells, that during this partial closure, those who are not required to self-isolate can come in to reception to collect a Grab Bag packed lunch between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. In the event that we needed to move to a complete closure, we will contact you again to update on arrangements to support these youngsters.

We have also made advances to streamline communication with home during closure. Instead of young people emailing individual teachers during a closure and being left unaware if someone is able to respond, we would ask that your child emails homelearning@wolfreton.co.uk. We will check this email during school hours and redirect questions to the most appropriate member of staff. By doing this we are aiming to support our families and students with their questions, but also our staff who may be facing their own challenges.

I do appreciate that there is a volume of information coming out from many places at the current time. In an attempt to support communication we are working to provide a summary on the school website.

Can I take this opportunity to once again thank you for your support at what I know is a challenging time for everyone. We have been incredibly grateful for all of the kind words and offers of support, for the incredible amount of work that our staff have done and continue to do to support our young people and to adapt each day, and of course to our students whom, despite their own worries have made us incredibly proud over the last few days.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher