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Tuesday, 17th of March 2020
3pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on the current partial school closure of our school and the reasons why we have had to take the decision for a period of time.

Under the current guidance from Government, which require individuals with a persistent cough and/or high temperature to self-isolate, a number of our staff are now not able to work. Given the issues in finding even short-term cover, this means that we cannot provide enough teaching and support staff to cover our classes and meet the required health and safety pupil to staff ratios.

Having sought advice from the Local Authority and from up-to-date information on the Department for Education website, the Chair of Governors and I have made the decision to close the school for Wednesday 18th March, Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March to the following Year groups (Year 6, Year 7 and Year 9). 18.03.2020

There may still be a partial closure next week (dependent on Government advice) and we will update you on Friday with new arrangements.

I appreciate this will have a significant impact on you and your children, however I hope you will understand that we are acting on the advice provided by health authorities, in the interests of our pupils, staff and families.

Our school will operate as normally as possible with continued vigilance around hygiene, with additional cleaning provided by our service contractors.

We are planning to fully re-open the school once we have sufficient staff available to do so and once I have further information, I will update all families.

I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our staff a speedy recovery and I hope to be able to welcome you all back to school as soon as possible.

Should you have any further questions or queries, I would like to signpost you to the council's website where you can find links to all the latest NHS and government information and guidelines: www.southglos.gov.uk/coronavirus.

We also have an emergency telephone number for parents / carers and pupils that you can ring with any questions, queries or concerns during the hours of 10am -3 pm (Monday to Friday). The number is:

07464 954265

Thank you for your continued support at this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher and Chair of Governors