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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working tirelessly to keep as many of our students in school with face-to-face learning each day during our current low staffing levels. I am sure students are going home and talking about the number of cover lessons they are having, or having to be in the library with two, sometimes three other groups with one member of staff overseeing all their learning.

It is with deepest regret, that due to the number of staff we have off, we have no other option than to continue with our daily, partial closures for the next two days. These decisions are taken very seriously and we can only thank all of our families who understand the difficult and testing situation schools are in; and especially for your flexibility and ongoing support.

Year 8 and Year 9 must be in school tomorrow due to their HPV vaccines and with Year 11 fast approaching their GCSE examinations, this has resulted in:

- Thursday 31st March – Year 7 to work from home
- Friday 1st April – Year 9 to work from home

Work will be set on Google Classroom in line with their normal timetabled lessons. Other Year groups are expected to be in school as normal.

We will be offering limited on-site provision for any Year 7 students tomorrow and Year 10 students on Friday. If this applies to your child, please inform them to go to the Learning Resource Centre for tutor time instead of their tutor room.

School Production Rehearsals

We are fortunate (just) that our staff are able to continue to run the rehearsals for our school production of Beauty and the Beast. We are desperate for this to continue as the students have worked so hard to put this show together and it'll be fantastic showpiece of talent for us all to see and celebrate. Our first real opportunity since Covid began.

Therefore, any student who is involved with the rehearsals, either after school or during the full rehearsals, may attend these if partial closures interrupts their year groups being onsite during any of these times.

A further communication will be sent out on Sunday lunchtime regarding next week. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and again, thank you for your understanding.

Many thanks,

Testwood School.