



DEAN TRUST Wigan

Chief Executive: Mr Tarun Kapur CBE
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27 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with regret that we are writing to inform you that we must temporarily close the school to staff and pupils. This is due to a significant number of staff having very recently tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you are aware, Wigan is now considered a high risk area by the government and the increase in staff testing positive for COVID-19 seems to have coincided with the increase in infections within the area.

The school will be closed to all pupils from tomorrow for one week. This means that your child/children should not come to school from Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October inclusive.

Unless you are a pupil in year 9, who are already self-isolating, this decision does not mean that pupils in the other year groups, or their families, are required to self-isolate.

The health and safety of our pupils and staff must always come first and this temporary closure will provide us with the break that we need to deep-clean our school site, revisit our health and safety systems and practices, and allow all those who are recovering from COVID-19 or self-isolating to return.

We will ensure that the education of our pupils is maintained during this time through a blend of remote learning activities and online teaching. We will send a separate notice explaining how this will work and asking for you to inform us of any pupils who do not have daily access to a PC or laptop between 9am and 3pm.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and always with the wellbeing of our pupils and staff at the forefront of our considerations.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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