

Thursday 24th September

Dear Parents/Carers

Tomorrow school is closed as we have an extra training day allocated by Trafford Council. Back in July when it was booked in it was our intention to spend the day changing our procedures and risk assessment as we assumed the world would have returned to normal. However it seems it has become slightly worse.

Therefore we will spend the day evaluating our current procedures and risk assessment but because of the national and local situation we do not anticipate any changes at least before half term. We will continue with the staggered times as it decreases the risk of social contact and keeps our bubbles apart. I understand some families have struggled but there is no other way. We have been asked about sibling drop offs but as we have over 200 siblings and family groups it is logistically impossible. The before and after school club has been suspended until further notice – the parents have been informed separately.

As a parent I share your frustrations. I have three children at secondary school and two of them (Y7 and Y11) have been sent home due to positive cases in their school. We have seen 5 cases here so far and sent home 113 children and 13 staff. I am hoping (and praying) we have had our bad luck. Each time we have a positive case I work very closely with Public Health and they have looked thoroughly at our risk assessment and procedures. They are confident our procedures are robust, we have just been unlucky.

We will get through this and we will return to normal. Until then thank you as ever for your patience, cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

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