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Dear Parents / Carers

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Brompton Academy – Coronavirus

I am so sorry for this ‘late in the day’ notification to you, but I am afraid, that the academy will be unable to operate fully for all students tomorrow. We are experiencing extreme staffing difficulties due to the number of staff who are absent due to self or family isolating because they or their family members are displaying symptoms as determined by Public Health England. Today this has been further exacerbated by new Department for Education guidance (sent to us late this afternoon), requiring social distancing for specific groups of people with underlying medical conditions. This applies to a number of staff members who will now not be able to attend the academy.

In the light of this we have had to reluctantly take the decision to partially close the school tomorrow - Wednesday 18th March 2020 - for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, while we put together a plan of action to try and continue to operate a service to as many students as possible in the coming days and weeks - albeit potentially at a reduced level.

We are mindful of the fact that the external GCSE and A level exams still need to be prepared for, and therefore all Year 11 and Year 13 students should attend school tomorrow as usual.

I will contact you again tomorrow with our plan of action. Although we have sent a text message to all families alerting them to this notification I would be very grateful for your support in communicating this information to other parents/ carers you know just to ensure that as many of our parents/carers and students get this information as soon as possible.

I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please look after yourselves and your families at this very difficult time.

Kind regards

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