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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you for your continued support throughout this extremely challenging period. As you must undoubtedly be aware, as from tomorrow, Friday 20th March at 3pm, Paignton Academy will be shut for the majority of our students until further notice.

It is absolutely devastating news for our fantastic Year 11 students who were on course to perform superbly and I can assure you we will do all we can to support them. We have communicated to the relevant parents about the Year 11's arrangements for tomorrow afternoon.

Tomorrow we will still be open for Year 10 students but, to follow government guidelines, no student should attend if they or anyone in their household has a cough or a temperature.

Work has been uploaded to Classcharts for students to complete at home and will continue to be. For students without access to the internet, we have sent work packs home to complete. Please feel free to call us at Borough Road, or email progressbrc@paigntonacademy.org if we can support you with home learning.

To support the local community and the continuation of the national infrastructure, from Monday 23rd March Paignton Academy will remain available from 8:00am to 5:00pm to accommodate a number of students whose parents are Key Workers, children with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and children who have a dedicated social worker. When we have precise details of who these students are, we will be in touch.

Children in receipt of free school meals (FSM) will be supported by the government. When we have a detailed plan of how we will do this, we will share it with you.

These are unprecedented circumstances and I am fully aware of the financial difficulty and hardship that will be experienced within our community. This situation is changing daily so I anticipate sending further updates over the coming weeks.

Please can I ask you to work together, support each other and remain positive. It will be a challenging time ahead and I wish you and your families the very best of health.

Yours faithfully

Mark Smith
Head of School