



# HOWDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government's announcement yesterday evening and further staff absence today, we have had to re-evaluate the situation at school with regard to Covid-19.

On Friday 20 March, we will remain open for Year 7 students but we have made the difficult decision to close for all Year 11 students. We have made this decision based on our ability to safely cover lessons and with consideration of our current Year 11 cohort. We currently have many Year 11's self-isolating and who will not be present at school tomorrow on what is potentially their last official day. The last day of school for Year 11's is an important landmark in their lives and we do not want any students to miss out on this. Also the temptation to break the guidance around self-isolation may be too great for some and we do not want to put anybody at increased risk.

It is our intention to organise a final day for all Year 11 students at a future date and this will allow everybody to attend at a time when all can enjoy the special day. This will include:

- The opportunity to collect belongings
- Pick up leaver Hoodies
- Spend time in lessons, signing leavers' books and shirts
- A Leavers' Assembly

Our advice to all our Year 11's is to now start thinking about the next stage in their education, training or employment and focus on making an early start with this using the skills and knowledge that they have acquired during their time at Howden School. Please could you ask your child to keep possession of any books, work, etc. that they have at home. At the moment we do not know what the Government is planning regarding grades and they may ask for evidence to back up any performance data that we currently have.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support at this difficult time. We will continue to update students and parents / carers through the school website, emails and social media.

Mr G Cannon  
Headteacher

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