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Dear Parent/Carer

Enforced Partial School Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Following on from our previous letter on 7th December and in light of the current public health emergency, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out an enforced partial closure to **Year 8**. At this moment in time, exceptional levels of staff absence for the next few days means that we cannot safely accommodate all students in the school. We have made the decision to continue to close to **Year 8** from **Monday 13th December until Thursday 16th December (end of the Autumn term)**. Should staffing levels improve, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to **Year 8** sooner. The health, safety and welfare of our students, staff, families and the community are at the forefront of the decisions we make as a school.

Home Learning

We have a plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8:25am each morning. Students should log into Google Classroom and follow their normal timetable for the week by visiting the correct classrooms at the correct times. Some lessons may be live, some pre-recorded and some will have work posted for students to complete. Pens and paper are essential and can be available for you to pick up at school if needed.

All students have been shown how to access Google Classroom and we have checked that they have their login and password details. Should students need any support with Google Classroom please email enquiries@portland.outwood.com detailing the student name and issue. If your child does not have access to a computer please notify the academy. Paper based workpacks will also be available for collection from reception.

Free School Meals

We have support available for families of students in receipt of free school meals in the form of a food parcel. Please let us know, by contacting the school on 01909 471010 or by emailing enquiries@portland.outwood.com, if you would like to collect one of these daily.

Key Worker

If you are a key worker and are unable to make arrangements for them to be looked after - please visit our website ([Key Worker form](#)) and complete the 'Key Worker' form so that we know to expect them in school. Please be clear on the days that they will be in school and please contact the school immediately should this change so that we can ensure that your child is recorded in the register appropriately.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this time.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Dzoboku
Principal

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