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**Update 18.03.20.**

Dear Parents,

I just wanted to continue to update you on the next steps we are taking. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing staffing shortages with further staff self-isolating because of the illness of a family member, childcare issues, or because they have an underlying medical condition which places them in a highly vulnerable position.

We are continuing to have more children and students absent, as parents decide to self-isolate due to either COVID -19 symptoms or the risk to a vulnerable family member.

We have taken the decision this afternoon to **close** tomorrow (19.03.20) to **ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS, AS WELL AS YEAR 9 STUDENTS AT CHARLTON, ERCALL WOOD ACADEMY AND HLC SECONDARY** for the remainder of this week, and we will **decide on Friday the position for next week**. As I said in my previous communications, we want to keep Y11 students in school for as long as possible. At this stage we believe we can remain open to all other year groups, however we are constantly reviewing that position and will give you as much warning as possible from late afternoon/early evening the day before. This information will be sent out by email/social media and our school websites so please check these regularly.

Both our Primary Schools, HLC Primary and Wrekin View Primary, will **remain open tomorrow** for all classes.

Queensway School will be making individual decisions as they have a very different school population and will contact parents directly.

We now have set up online learning systems to support secondary students at home via our websites, and we will keep updating these over the next few days and obviously longer if the Government announces school closures. Primary children will receive a pack of work and materials to bring home with them, and again information and guidance for parents will be on their websites.

As you are aware, the Government is updating its guidance daily and we are responding to this, the link for this information is <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Thank you once again for your continued support, in unprecedented circumstances for us all. I hope your family is well and we will continue to do the utmost to support our community across the Trust.

I will keep you updated as the week progresses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. J. Eatough".

Dr. Gill Eatough  
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