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Dear Parents & Carers

It is with deep regret that I have had to take the decision to close the school to all our day pupils with effect from today. This decision has not been taken lightly and is mainly due to two factors.

Some of our residential young people are now presenting as being symptomatic of the Coronavirus and are self-isolating within the residences. In addition, the school is also now suffering significant staff shortages due to some staff having to self-isolate due to either being in contact with someone who has become ill or due to having underlying health conditions making them vulnerable. I am therefore now in a position where I am unable to staff the school safely, which I am sure you will appreciate is unsustainable.

I have also advised the local authority of my decision and the rationale behind this.

We will keep in touch with all our parents regarding our current situation on a regular basis and also to advise you when the school is able to re-open again. But should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me either by telephone or email.

With best wishes to you and your family at this very difficult time.

Sarah Dunn  
Head Teacher

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