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Important information for all Parent/Carers of Greenacre Academy Students

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, in line with advice from Public Health England, we have had to close down various year groups during the past nine days. Over the weekend we had two further positive cases for staff members, and had a further case in Sixth Form. This effectively meant that we have had four year groups out (Years 8, 9, 12 and 13) with two full year groups in (Years 7 and 11) and one partial year group in school (Year 10).

In the space of the last 9 days, there have been 7 confirmed cases which have required many students and staff to self-isolate. There are now almost 40 staff who are required to self-isolate, some as a direct result of the cases in school, and some for reasons outside of the school. This has caused an increase in the number of lessons that are being covered by non-specialist teachers which now stands at over half of all lessons in school. This is also coupled with childcare issues for staff where other schools have been forced to close a bubble.

It is therefore with much regret that, after careful consideration, reflection and analysis I have taken the difficult decision to close Greenacre Academy to all Students until Monday 30th November 2020.

Unfortunately, it is now becoming the case that we do not have the capacity to open safety and deliver a quality education within the school. I believe that closing until Monday 30th is the right decision at the right time to try and 'circuit break' the increasing cases. During this time will be taught remotely and information will be sent out shortly so that you know how this will look.

I will be using the opportunity provided by the closure to supplement our already robust cleaning processes by undertaking an additional deep clean of the school during this time.

My priority is as it has always been the safety of students and staff - I take my duty of care very seriously and quite honestly, I cannot see another way forward at this time.

The virus is clearly within the community, with local and national numbers rising on a daily basis. I would ask that you please support the national effort by ensuring that your son/ward is not out and about in the community.

I appreciate the content of this letter may not be welcomed by all parents but please believe me when I say that I have considered this very carefully and would only use such a drastic measure if I felt that this is the only way forward at this time.

The school telephone line will be manned between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm daily and you are welcome to telephone or email us should you have any further concerns or need any part of this letter clarified.

My warmest best wishes to you all.

Mrs S Bridger
Headteacher.

