



# Morton Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers of Years 8, 9 and 10 Students

As you are aware Morton Academy has remained fully open until this point and I would like to thank the staff, students, parents and carers for their unrelenting support and understanding at this unique and challenging time. Advice changes daily regarding Coronavirus and we are ensuring the school keeps fully up to date with all the latest developments issued by Public Health England, The Department for Education and government officials.

Unfortunately, due to high staff absence I have made the difficult decision to close the school to students in years 8, 9 and 10 until the Easter holidays. This is regrettable, but my priority is the safety and well-being of all students on the school site and the sheer number of staff not able to attend school as they would normally do mean this decision has been taken. Any children this affects have been met through an assembly led by myself and access/expectations around home learning explained. More details about the work students are expected to complete from home can be found on Show My Homework.

If you are a parent/carer who works in the Health Care industry, please continue to send your son/daughter to school despite the year group closure. As Principal, I feel we need to support the health service at this very difficult time and allowing your child to still attend school is one way of doing this. Children will join another year group and follow an agreed timetable. At the point of any full school closure this provision will be reviewed. There is no obligation to accept this offer if you have made other arrangements, but please do let the school know in writing if you intend to take up the offer and continue to send your child to school.

Thank you for your continued support of Morton Academy and please do keep in touch with the school with any questions or issues you may have. We are very keen lines of communication are kept open and parents/carers can contact us whenever necessary.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire  
Principal