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Headteacher: Mr J C Wilton MA (Hons.)

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to the update in the Elton Times we have regretfully decided to partially close the school for the remainder of this week. We will be open as normal for all students in Years 7, 10 and 11, but will not be able to run the timetable for Years 8 and 9.

We have made this decision due to the high staff absence which is continuing to increase, meaning that we cannot currently teach classes across the curriculum without compromising the quality of lessons and, most importantly, the care and safety of the students. As our youngest students, we will continue to have Year 7 in the school and will also focus on continuing to teach lessons to our Year 10 and 11 GCSE students.

We have not made this decision lightly and realise that it will cause considerable inconvenience for our families. However, the safety and support of the students is paramount and the current unprecedented situation means that we cannot operate in a normal manner.

We do expect Year 8 and Year 9 students to access work at home via Seneca Learning and GoogleClassrooms, while paper based resources will also be available for collection from the School Reception as required. Further to this, any students who are eligible for free school meals can also come to school at 1pm so as to collect a grab bag from the main reception if they wish. Please let the school office know if you intend to take up this offer so that the canteen staff can make necessary preparations.

For the rest of the students in Years 7, 10 and 11, we will do our utmost to continue with lessons as normal. They are to continue coming to school for the normal time of 8.45am until 3pm, with the usual daily arrangements in place.

This plan will be in place from Wednesday morning until the end of the week. I will provide further updates as we know more information, aiming to give as much notice as possible about our plans for next week.

Thanks for your support and understanding in helping us to manage this difficult situation. As always, if you have any queries or questions then please contact me directly - wiltonj@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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