

# Plympton Academy

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Dear parents/carers

26th January, 2022

I would like to make you aware that, unfortunately, we have had substantial staff illnesses in the past couple of weeks, mainly Covid-related. This has impacted on the number teachers available and also the number of support staff, including the pastoral teams. As a result, we have been combining classes in the Main Hall with work set by class teachers so that we can continue to provide an education to all of our learners.

However, with further staff illnesses reported today, I have made the decision to close the Academy to the following year groups as follows:

**Closed on Thursday 27th January for Year 10 and Year 9**

**Closed on Friday 28th January for Year 12 and Year 8**

**Closed on Monday 31st January for Year 8**

All other year groups should attend the Academy as normal on these days. Any further days next week will be announced as soon as we can.

## **Arrangements for home learning**

We have amended the home learning contingency provision as follows:

### **If Years 7-11 are at home:**

Students will follow their normal timetable. Tutor Time reading will not take place.

Teachers will post work on the class Google Classroom and this will take the form of a pre-recorded lesson.

Students will also be set an Exit Ticket activity to track progress and engagement.

### **If Years 12 & 13 are at home:**

Teachers will set independent study using the class Google Classroom.

If you need support with home learning, please email [remoteteachinghelpdesk@plympton.academy](mailto:remoteteachinghelpdesk@plympton.academy).



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Those students on Free School Meals on these days will have vouchers sent via email.

Additionally, even though Government guidelines state that masks do not need to be worn from tomorrow, we will be asking staff and students to continue to wear them in all our communal areas. This will be reviewed at the end of next week and help reduce the increase in numbers we are currently experiencing both with staff and with students.

Please be assured that we are working hard to minimise the Academy closing but there is a likelihood that this may continue to be the case over the next couple of weeks.

I understand that this will be deeply frustrating and appreciate that the students have already had a substantial number of days away from the classroom. However, the isolation period is beyond our control and we must try to manage as best we can the situation we find ourselves in.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and ongoing support.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Boorman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'L'.

**Lisa Boorman**  
**Principal**