



19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following on from my letter on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021, with the continued rise in infections, I have had to make the extremely difficult decision to close the school **from 3pm today.**

Unfortunately, over the weekend, we have had further confirmation of more positive cases within our school and other neighbouring schools. This has also had an impact of the number of staff being able to come into work resulting in staff shortages.

**Thurrock Passenger Transport have been informed that today is our last day.**

This has been an extremely challenging year for all schools and to end the academic year like this is a huge disappointment for everyone.

I apologise for the extremely short notice but as you will appreciate, COVID is continuing to impact on every aspect of daily life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding during this academic year. It has been extremely challenging and I'm so impressed with the way our students have coped with the changes. Their resilience and flexibility has been tremendous and I'm immensely proud of every single one.

I wish you all a restful summer and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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