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Dear Parents and Carers

Partial school closure for Years 9, 10 & 12: Thursday 19th March to Friday 20th March inclusive.

I am sorry to say that due to a sharp rise in the number of staff staying at home due to the government's self-isolation advice, the school will be **closed to years 9, 10 and 12 tomorrow and Friday** in the first instance.

This has been a hard decision to make, but current staffing levels mean that it is not possible to run school as normal. School will remain open for students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 13. Why? Year 7 and 8 are young so school closing might affect essential workers, and years 11 and 13 because they are on the brink of exams. I hope you think this is a reasonable decision.

Our staff have been working hard to ensure that learning can continue for students who are absent from school, or in the event of such a partial closure. The main place in which work will be set for all year groups will be Insight (<http://insight.thomastallis.org.uk/>). Here, you will be able to find work set from each of your children's teachers.

For further details about how we will set work for your child, please visit our dedicated COVID-19 page. The link is live on the homepage of both the main school and Post-16 websites, and on the Year 11 Support & Guidance page. It appears as a page in the **Students** section of the website. The URL is: <https://www.thomastallischool.com/schoolclosuresresources.html>. We will continue to update it.

Please contact us if your child does not have access to the internet at home so that we can make alternative arrangements for home learning. Please do this by email at contact@thomastallis.org.uk or by calling reception.

We appreciate this is short notice for parents or carers to make alternative arrangements. If you need to, please send your child to school as normal until Friday. They should wear full school uniform. We will provide a fully supervised learning environment.

You should continue to follow the advice issued by Public Health England in relation to the coronavirus and ensure that your child is fully aware of their responsibilities relating to this. Any student in Years 7, 8, 11, or 13 who is showing symptoms of either a new persistent cough or a temperature should stay at home. The new guidance currently says they should self-isolate along with all members of their household.

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If your child is eligible for a free school meal over the next two days they can come in to school for their lunch at 1320 if you would like them to. All students should arrive in full school uniform and sign in and out at reception.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information or clarification.

I will write to you further about the week beginning Monday 23 March. We will of course keep you updated as this situation continues to develop.

We look forward to Tallis returning to normal as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Roberts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carolyn Roberts
Head