

16 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all your support at the start of term – thank you to those who have passed on some very positive feedback. We are so pleased to see your children back with us and start working with them face-to-face.

Unfortunately, we have a significant number of our staff who are currently unable to come into work. Some of them are waiting for COVID-19 tests but, as you know, there are huge problems getting these done and the results returned quickly. **At the moment, we have no confirmed cases of coronavirus amongst staff or students.**

The safety of your children and our staff is the most important aspect of our work, however and our risk assessment is that we currently do not have sufficient adults who can come into Hamilton School and so keep everyone safe.

As you know, we were planning a rota of key stages, but regrettably we can no longer staff this. As a consequence, we will be **closing the school to students and staff** once the KS3 students have left today (Wednesday). We will remain closed for the rest of this week (Thursday and Friday).

This is a huge disappointment as I know we were all looking forward to getting “back to normal” with the students in school, but we need to take this temporary step.

Whilst we are closed for your child, we will ensure that they receive work to do at home. Please can I ask you to encourage them to complete the tasks as much as you can.

We will aim to contact you on Friday evening to confirm the arrangements for next week.

If you have any concerns or questions about these arrangements, please can you contact [hamadmin@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:hamadmin@maidenerleghtrust.org).

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher