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Dear Parents/Carers

Wednesday afternoon closures

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

You may recall that last academic year we made the decision to close our schools on Wednesday afternoons to allow staff to carry out their dedicated time for Planning, Preparation and Assessment, something staff are entitled to by law. So far this year we have been able to remain open for the full week and avoid this situation. However, staffing absences across our schools are at the highest levels that they have been at any point throughout the pandemic. Schools have also been unsuccessful in trying to secure supply staff to fill these vacancies as these staff are also affected by Covid.

We have, therefore, reviewed this situation and we have made the difficult decision to re-introduce the Wednesday afternoon closures from 19 January 2022 for five weeks to allow staff to undertake their Planning, Preparation and Assessment. We are hopeful that after February half term we will be able to resume opening for the full week.

We appreciate that for some of our families their work will mean looking after their children on a Wednesday afternoon will not be possible. If there is no-one else to look after them, we will be running an enrichment club, led by Teaching Assistants, on a Wednesday afternoon until their usual collection time. If this affects you and your child, please can you contact the school office to make these arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Michael McCarthy
Chief Executive