

15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Totton School Site Closure – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

I am writing to confirm that due to 5 positive Lateral Flow Test results being received during today our Totton School Site will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

This is to allow us time to receive the PCR test results for the staff/students who tested positive via the Lateral Flow Tests today and assess the impact of these results. It also allows us time to deep clean and anti-bacterial fogging of the entire site.

Our Fawley and Lunedale School sites remain open as normal.

Once we have received the results of the PCR tests, we will contact all Parents/Carers to inform you of the next steps.

As with today's decision, we will make use of the SMS system, personal phone calls and an email/letter detailing plans for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

My sincere hope is that we can open as normal however there is a very real possibility that we will need to have a partial or full closure of the Totton site if the PCR results for some or all the students/staff are positive due to the need for other students/staff to self-isolate.

I would prefer to be clear on this possibility now to give parents/carers maximum notice to consider childcare implications.

**Online Learning – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

I have asked all teachers and tutors to follow the student's normal timetable tomorrow and deliver lessons online.

Wherever possible, this will be via Microsoft Teams. Teachers will send the students email invites to the Teams Lessons. The class tutor will also attend the virtual lesson.

In the exceptions where this is not possible, students will either be emailed work directly or work will be uploaded to the VLE. This will be communicated to students via their school email address.

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A reminder that information on how to access student email and Office 365 accounts including Microsoft Teams can be found on our website:

<http://newforestschoo.co.uk/parents/office-365/>

### Final Thoughts

I would like to thank all Parents and Carers we spoke to today for your support with this decision. Whilst I am very aware that Lateral Flow Tests do throw up false positive results, having 5 positive results during a single day is concerning and I would rather be proactive and take a cautious approach rather than risk putting students and staff at risk of infection.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher