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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that, regrettably I have taken the decision to close the school to Year 9 students for the rest of the week and the following week (1 October – 9 October). This is due to an increase in confirmed Covid-19 cases amongst staff and students, including 3 students in Year 9. I can assure you that this has not been an easy decision to make and I would like to share the reasons behind it with you:

- Staffing shortages due to confirmed / suspected cases mean that we are unable to cover all lessons.
- We have already had to send a large number of students in Year 9 home as close contacts of the positive cases and further cases are a possibility. Remaining at home will protect Year 9 students from the virus.
- I can assure you that, if the need to ask a year group to remain at home due to staffing shortages continues after this week, other year groups will be prioritised. However, if there are further Year 9 cases, your year group will be affected further.

Online Learning:

While at home, students should continue to study. Instructions on how to do this are as follows:

Students will receive daily work on MILK as per their timetable. This work may include PowerPoints with teacher instructions, lessons from the Oak National Academy or some 'live lessons', however our capacity to deliver live lessons at this point will not be high. Our Year 9 teaching staff will be used substantially to cover other lessons across the academy.

If resources are stored in Foldr then students should access this at www.abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk where there is a link on the homepage. Students use their IT username and password to login.

I know that this news will present students and families with a significant challenge and we will support you as best we can through these extraordinary times.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Norden
Principal

