



The  
Portsmouth Academy

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To Parents and Carers of Students in Year 10,

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Covid-19. We are continuing to be wholly responsible in fulfilling the duty of care we have to our students, staff and our wider school community, including you all, by following the advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

With that at the forefront of our minds, we have taken the decision today that, because of staff shortages, caused by self-isolating as advised by the Government, we are closing the school to students in Year 10 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Students in Year 10 need to remain at home. The school will be open for students in all other year groups.**

They will be set work via Microsoft Teams and the 'Show My Homework' website, which students should access online.

We will review the partial closure later on today and will update all parents and carers accordingly following further information.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Grey  
Principal