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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the school will be closed on Monday March 18th 2024, for all students and staff. School will reopen on Tuesday March 19th 2024, for everyone. The reason for the school closure is to complete a deep-clean of the school, which unfortunately could not be completed over the weekend.

The health and wellbeing of our staff and students are of utmost importance to me. Recently, we have had staff members absent due to ill health, leading to certain year groups being closed over the last two days due to staffing levels. Additionally, we have noticed a slight increase in student absences due to illness, with one student showing symptoms consistent with Whooping Cough.

In response to this, I have contacted both Staffordshire Health & Safety and Public Health England for guidance on preventing the spread of illness and infection within the school. I have attached a draft letter from Public Health England regarding Whooping Cough for your information and have also reached out to the local authority to discuss the situation and potential further actions to be taken.

Your support in this matter is crucial. I urge you to carefully read and follow the guidance provided by Public Health England. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the symptoms your child may be experiencing, please do not hesitate to contact your GP. Timely medical attention, especially for persistent symptoms, is key to ensuring the health and wellbeing of all our students.

I understand that the closure of the school may cause disruption for many, but the health and safety of our staff and students must come first. By coming together and following the guidance provided, I am confident that we can safeguard the wellbeing of our school community.

Should you have any questions or require further information, contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team through the school's reception.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Your sincerely,

Mr SJ Stokes
Headteacher

