

December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: School Closure – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

As I am sure you are aware the Norovirus is currently rife and impacting on schools locally. We have been closely monitoring the situation regarding Hanson students and staff. We have unfortunately reached a point today of over 100 affected with the virus. In order to prevent the spread of the virus we have taken the decision to close the school on Thursday and Friday to undertake a deep clean of the school buildings.

We have worked closely with the site team who will take the opportunity to ensure that all areas will be fully disinfected in order to ensure that any trace of the virus is removed. The size of our buildings mean that this will take 2 full days to complete and I am therefore writing to inform you that the school will be closed **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2019.**

The school will reopen as usual on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. In the event that you believe your child has norovirus, please follow professional advice in keeping your child at home for 48 hours following their last episode of illness. In addition, we would like to remind you that if anyone in your family exhibits symptoms, it is always advisable to seek the advice of health professionals where you have concerns at all.

We are grateful for the support and understanding of all of our families during this unprecedented period and we hope that anyone that has been affected feels better for their Christmas break and new year.

Your faithfully



Richard Woods  
Headteacher