

Millbay Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to advise you that during the last week we have had a number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus at Millbay, and I'm sorry to say that this has increased further over the weekend.

The safety of our school community always has been, and always will be, our single most important priority. In the best interests of our students, staff and families, we have therefore decided that the secondary school will be closed from Monday 30 November – Monday 7 December to allow an extensive deep clean of all areas of the school. All students will return to school on Tuesday 8 December.

This has not been an easy decision, and we recognise this will cause disruption for you. However, we believe this is the right action to take, and have consulted closely with Public Health England and followed their advice.

As you know, we have remote learning arrangements in place for all children for such an eventuality, and we will be in touch tomorrow with more information on how we will move to a virtual timetable for this week.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Tuesday 8 December**.

We recognise this is a challenging time for everyone and we greatly appreciate the ongoing support from you all. We will, of course, keep you updated on any further developments. As ever, if you have any questions, please do get in touch through the school office in the normal way.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher Toye
Executive Headteacher