

29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we are currently experiencing a high level of staff absences at The Portsmouth Academy. Due to having 19 members of our team absent, we have made the decision to close the school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Years 8 and 9.

The school will remain open to Years 7, 10 and 11 unless further communicated.

We are committed to ensuring that your child receives an education of the highest quality and consistency. Students' classwork will be assigned and made accessible via Teams for these year groups.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are sure you understand these are exceptional circumstances and not a decision the school has made easily. The measures put in place will ensure that the school maintains a safe staffing level for students who will be present.

If you are concerned around the welfare of your child/children being at home please contact our vulnerable children provision at [info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk)

I would like to thank you again for your patience. We will evaluate the absence situation again tomorrow and communicate further about plans for the rest of the week.

If you have any further queries, please contact the school office directly on 0333 360 2200 or email [info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@theportsmouthacademy.org.uk)

Yours faithfully,



Chris Andrews  
Vice Principal