

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Due to continuing high level of staff absences at The Portsmouth Academy, the school will be closed on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 to Year 10.

The school will remain open to Years 7 and 11 and we look forward to welcoming back Years 8 and 9, 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 Year 10.

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)

Thank you again for your patience. It is likely that we will need to close to Year 10 again Friday, but we will evaluate the absence situation again tomorrow and communicate further about plans.

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