



# MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Re: Advice from Local Authority for halting the spread of infectious norovirus – **School Closure 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 I was informed by the Local Authority that norovirus was in our region and potentially presenting a risk of spreading within schools and businesses.

I have today had a significant number of both students and staff experiencing symptoms of the norovirus, with cases now being confirmed by the medical profession. This now represents a significant safeguarding concern as we cannot safely staff the school.

Following further advice from our Local Authority and Public Health England I have been instructed/ authorised to close the school as a precautionary measure to halt the spread of the virus. The school is carrying out a deep clean of the school environment to prevent any further spread of the illness.

School will re-open on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, there will be no staff on site until then.

We have endeavoured to communicate as quickly as possible to support families.

Please read the attached letter from the Public Health England and check their website for advice if you or your child experiences the symptoms associated with this virus.

I have needed to make this decision to safeguard our school community and fully appreciate your support at home.

Yours Faithfully

Heidi Thurland  
Headteacher