



De La Salle School

Headteacher: Mr P Norris L.LB (Hons), MA, NPQH

Monday 6th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Critical Incident - Monday 6th March - Update

Following a Critical Incident this morning I had to take the difficult decision, in consultation with the Diocese and Governors, to close the school at short notice.

Unfortunately a member of school staff was taken unexpectedly ill in the area of the playground between the sets of stairs up to the Sports Hall just before 8am this morning.

Emergency services were immediately called and quickly arrived. Members of school staff administered first aid at the scene. The emergency services quickly arrived and continued to administer treatment. It is with great sadness that I must inform you that despite the best efforts of the emergency services, the member of staff has subsequently died.

I have spoken with his wife and son and they have given permission for me to share this information with you. Mr Hutchinson, a long serving member of our site staff, will be very deeply missed. I ask for you to keep His wife and Son in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

The impact of this means that, following further discussions with the Local Authority, Governing Body and Diocese, the school will remain closed to most pupils tomorrow, 7th March 2023. Year 11 should attend school as normal and continue with their Mock Exams. Pupils deemed as vulnerable have also been contacted via phone today and arrangements are in place. Remote learning will be provided for all pupils at home.

This critical incident has impacted large numbers of school staff today and counselling services have been arranged to support school staff tomorrow.

School will reopen as normal to ALL pupils on Wednesday 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Norris
Headteacher