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Dear Parent / Carer

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Closure of The Art Room

The Art Room has been a valued part of our school community since 2013, working to support children and young people with their wellbeing, through the medium of art and creativity. With regret I am writing to inform you that the Art Room service will cease operating in its current form at the end of the Spring Term (March 2020).

Over the course of the past two years, Place2Be has worked to establish a financially sustainable model of delivery for the Art Room, one of their services. With the current financial challenges within the education sector, this has proven to be rather difficult. Therefore, a decision has been made to close all current Art Rooms and to develop an offer which will be piloted in the next academic year.

We understand for many this will be disappointing; especially given the impact the service has had for many of our students over the years. We will be working with the Place2Be and Art Room colleagues, along with our own pastoral teams, to identify if a student requires any additional support. The wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions relating to the closure of the current service, please email the Art Room team at theartroom@place2be.org.uk. If your question is related to specific support within the school, please contact Claire Pott, Deputy Headteacher.

We have today met with students to let them know about the planned closure of the service. Our aim is to use this final term as an opportunity for celebration of what they and the school have achieved through our partnership with the Art Room.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Marion Budd
Headteacher