

14 December 2020

## Dear Parent/Guardian

## Updated - Arrangements for the w/c 14 December 2020

Further to my letter of Friday 11 December we have had a further positive COVID case among the staff team, which has had a detrimental impact on our staffing for the remainder of this week.

As a result, we have had to review our plans for this week. With so many teaching staff unable to be in school, we have had to review our pattern for those year groups in school and those year groups moving to remote learning from home. We are therefore making some adjustments:

Monday 14	8 and 9 on remote learning
Tuesday 15	8 and 10 on remote learning
Wednesday 16	7 and 10* on remote learning
Thursday 17	7* and 9* on remote learning
Friday 18	All on remote learning

<sup>\*</sup> changes to the plan circulated on Friday

Given that they have already had two weeks of remote learning this half term, we have prioritised keeping year 11 in school this week.

I am so sorry for the disruption this is causing. The government have mandated that schools must remain open and we are doing everything we can to ensure that we are teaching in person to as many students as possible, but each day is throwing us huge staffing challenges and our Risk Assessment around staffing levels, supervision and the quality of our provision means that we are having to implement these measures.

As I wrote on Friday, for those year groups who have been asked to move to remote learning, our special provision will be made available for the children of keyworkers. Students in this category may attend school and will be supervised to complete their online learning. If you believe your child qualifies for this provision, then please complete the form <a href="here">here</a>. Given the change in our plans, we have extended the window for completing the form to 3pm on Tuesday 15 December. Please note, if your child has been asked to self-isolate due to coming into close or direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID 19, they will not be able to attend our special provision.

Similarly, if you are entitled to Free School Meals and would like to collect meals for your child on any days where they are on the remote learning, please complete the form <a href="here">here</a>. Please complete this form by 3pm on Tuesday 15 December.

I will continue to keep you updated if and when circumstances change. I do apologise for having to take these measures and I do appreciate that they are far from ideal.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher