



20 October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Friday – Year 7 to work remotely

Further to my letter over the weekend, the school continues to face staffing pressures due to COVID related absence. We had hoped to be able to bring all year groups back into school for the final day before the half term break on Friday – especially as this is the day for COVID vaccinations.

Unfortunately, the absence situation has not improved and we have come to the conclusion that once again, on Friday 22 October, we will be unable to open to all year groups. So, we will be asking year 7 to work at home for their lessons and then to come into school between 1.50pm and 2.30 pm for their flu vaccinations. Students should come into school at the following times (via the PE gate).

1:50pm	7G1 & 7G2
2:10pm	7P1 & 7P2
2:30pm	7T1 & 7T2

Work for year 7 lessons will be provided through Google Classroom. Miss Hancock, Head of Year 7 has been explaining to the students what they need to do.

We will be running a special provision for the year 7 students who are children of critical workers or who are considered vulnerable/identified by the school as needing to be in school over the closure period. If you believe your child qualifies to be in school then please complete the form [here](#) by **6:00pm on Thursday 21 October** so that we can make the necessary arrangements. The definition of critical workers and vulnerable students can be found [here](#). Students attending the special provision will be supervised to complete work set on Google Classroom and should attend school at the normal time. Please note that confirmation of your child's space in Special Provision will be confirmed on Thursday evening. This will be sent via email. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to collect a packed lunch for your child on the day of closure for their year group, please complete the form [here](#). Please note that an order must be placed before 9:00am on Friday and the packed lunch must be collected 10:00-11:00am from the main office.

Once again, I am extremely saddened to have to take this decision. However, COVID case numbers continue to rise, staff numbers are reduced and we have no further option in order to keep the school open.

Face coverings

Following advice from public health authorities, we have taken the decision to re-instate the wearing of face-coverings in lessons and in communal areas in the school (unless students are exempt). Whilst we cannot enforce this change, we would like to ask your support in encouraging your child to come to school with a face covering and to wear it appropriately through the day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Johnson', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher