



30 November 2021

Dear Parents,

Following my letter to you yesterday, I have had to take the regrettable to decision to move the school to year group rotas from tomorrow until at least the end of this week. This means that one year group per day will be set work on google classroom and will be asked to work from home. I know this will cause significant inconvenience to our families and I can only apologise.

The reason for my decision is that we now have around 25% of the staff team absent due to either COVID (Isolations and illness), due to their own children having COVID/isolating or due to other winter related illnesses (which seem particularly prevalent this year). We are not alone in struggling with staff absence and a number of other schools in the area have either already moved to year group rotas or are very close to doing so. A general lack of supply/agency staff in the area has only exacerbated the situation.

I am sorry to have to do this, even more so as we already had to take this measure earlier in the term.

The year groups we are asking to work remotely are:

Wednesday 1 December	Year 9
Thursday 2 December	Year 8
Friday 3 December	Year 10

On each day, for the designated year group to whom the school is closed, we will be re-convening the special provision for children of key worker and other identified students. If you believe that your child may be eligible for a place in our special provision please complete this [form](#). They will work in school, under supervision, completing online work. Please also complete the form if your child usually receives a free school meal and you would like to collect a packed lunch from school of the day of closure (**please note that orders must be placed by 9:00am on the day of closure and the lunch will need to be collected from reception between 10:00-11:00am**). Please also complete the form if your child needs to borrow a device for the day of closure in order to access online learning, **please note that orders must be placed by midday on the day before closure and that the device must be collected from the school by an adult**.

If you have specific concerns about your child, then please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to your child's tutor or head of year. I will keep you updated through the remainder of the week and we will review the situation on Friday.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher