



4 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year group closures**

Whilst the 1 April saw a reduction in national measures to combat the spread of the Covid virus, it was also the day that saw the largest number of the population with the virus!

This impact in schools locally and nationally continues to be significant and this impact is largely around staff absence due to Covid infection or absence due to dependents having Covid.

Managing staff absence and ensuring that we continue to offer excellence in education and care has never been more challenging and it is unfortunate that I had to take the decision, at short notice, to ask year 9 to work from home last Thursday 31 March. Our ability to collapse classes has been exhausted and there are no additional agency/supply teachers available in the local area (as all schools are facing the same challenges).

The feedback I have had from parents is that the more notice we can give about this sort of decision the better.

We already know that there will be 14 teachers absent tomorrow due to Covid absence or other long-term illness. So, we have taken the decision that **year 8 will be asked to work from home using remote learning on Tuesday 5 April.**

Hopefully, by Wednesday we will see a return to better staffing numbers, however if we don't then our ongoing remote learning plan will be:

- Year 10 will move to remote learning on Wednesday 6 April
- Year 7 will move to remote learning on Thursday 7 April
- Year 11 will move to remote learning on Friday 8 April

I will be in contact daily to give you an update.

Once again, I apologise for this unavoidable inconvenience.

Yours Sincerely

**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher