

EMAIL SENT TO PARENTS

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## Good afternoon

Unfortunately Covid infection rates are currently having a significant impact on staffing. Having assessed staff: student ratios unfortunately it will be necessary for some students to study remotely from home for the remainder of the week. Covid isolations mean that from a Health and Safety perspective it would not be safe for all students to be in the school building.

## Years 7, 10 and 11

Students in Years 7, 10 and 11 should attend school as normal for the remainder of the week (unless they are displaying Covid symptoms themselves). We have prioritised Year 10 and 11 as they are currently sitting or preparing for GCSE mock examinations. Year 7 will remain in school as the youngest year group to support parent/carers who may not be at home.

## Years 8 and 9

Students in Years 8 and 9 need to study from home for the remainder of the week. Work will be uploaded onto Microsoft Teams as previously and where possible staff will be on line but it may be necessary for them to cover for absent colleagues in school, in which case students should work independently and upload work for teachers to check. It is essential students complete work set to ensure they are not behind with learning when they return next week.

Guidance is available should students need help and support with remote learning on our website (parents : remote learning).

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Unfortunately, with Covid infection rates still high it is impossible to predict an influx of cases which impacts significantly on staffing. The Health and Safety of our Community will always be our priority.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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