

8 February 2022

Dear Parent,

As has been the case with other schools, we are finding that there are an increasing number of members of staff unable to attend the work place. As you are aware, there has been a recent increase in COVID 19 cases within the school, especially within the teaching staff.

Usually when there is staff absence, staff within school are used wherever possible and we also utilise staff from outside agencies. However, as other schools are in the same situation, agencies do not have any staff available at the moment.

We have come to a point where the high rate of staff absence is impacting on our ability to operate safely and I need to ask year groups to work remotely so that the staff can be used to cover other classes in school. Unfortunately I have had to request that Year 10 work at home today and need to ask year groups to stay at home this week until the staffing situation improves.

The rest of the week the following year groups will be asked to work remotely:

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| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February | Year 9 |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February | Year 7 |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February   | Year 8 |

I will be reviewing this daily, if the staffing situation improves and this no longer needs to happen, I will of course let you know immediately. On the days that students are working remotely, work will be set on Go4Schools. The work will begin with the title REMOTE LEARNING. I will avoid asking Year 11 to work remotely unless it is absolutely necessary.

Please be aware that this decision has not been taken lightly. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Zoe House  
Principal