



Dear Parents and Carers

8 December 2020

Further to my letter yesterday regarding year 7 and 9 self-isolating, we have also had a staff member who has tested positive for Covid-19. Whilst the public health risk assessment has shown that no students have been in close contact with that member of staff, a number of other staff have been contacted by the NHS track and trace team and told to self-isolate, although none of them are displaying symptoms.

With over half the teaching staff self-isolating, it is now not possible to continue to operate safely for years 8,10 and 11.

From Wednesday 9th December until Friday 11th December in the first instance, we will only be open for Year 10 and 11. This means that students in year 8 will be at home for the rest of the week and will have their work provided online through Google classroom.

For students in year 10 and 11 we will be operating a temporary timetable that will endeavour to ensure that they are taught by subject specialists where possible, and will also receive support to access lessons through Google classroom in school where this is not possible.

As I am sure you will understand this is not a decision I have taken lightly, but the health and safety of staff and students must be my priority. We will continue to review the situation and I will write to you again at the end of the week with an update.

Yours sincerely

Keith Howard
Headteacher