



Dear Parents and Carers

10 December 2020

I am writing to update you on the situation regarding year 7 and 9. I am pleased to say that the suspected cases of Covid-19 in these year groups have now tested negative. This means that year 7 and 9 students no longer need to self-isolate.

Unfortunately, we have had a member of staff 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 significant 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 still not possible to have any further students return to school.

**This means that year 7, 8 and 9 will continue to access their learning through google classroom at home until the end of term; however, they do not need to self-isolate at home.**

Year 10 and 11 students will continue to attend school and follow the emergency timetable that has been put in place for them to endeavour to give them the maximum specialist teaching possible.

Whilst I am very pleased that the risk for students and their families is now reduced, remaining closed to year 7, 8 and 9 is a difficult decision that I have had to make to ensure the Health and Safety of the school community.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Keith Howard  
Headteacher