

10th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am emailing to provide you with advance warning of a contingency plan that could be put in place next week. We hope not to have to implement it, but it is better to have the plans in place and then not need them.

We are currently managing the school with a 13% level of staff absence and this has been steadily growing (as has student absence) as a consequence of isolation, Covid and other winter illnesses. We have managed to cover classes so far, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure supply teachers as the demand county-wide is huge.

In order to be able to staff classes, we **may** have to switch Year 9 to remote learning. This would mean that your son/daughter would be taught their lesson via Teams online. They may not be taught by their usual teacher as we would group classes together. This is in order to free staff up to cover classes in school. They will receive links to their lessons in Classwork on Synergy.

If we have to do this for Monday, we will let you know on Sunday evening via email and text message.

Kind regards

Mr Steven Haycocks

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)
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