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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to parents to give them an overview of where we currently are in providing an education for our students in different year groups. In the last two weeks we have had 1 positive Covid case in Year 7, 1 in Year 8, 2 in Year 11 and 4 in Year 9. We have followed the Department for Education advice at all stages and in the last few days have been in regular contact with Public Health Blackpool, when making decisions about Years 9 and 11. These positive cases still represent less than 1% of our student population. If your child has been identified as a close contact they should be self-isolating.

A summary of each Year groups is as follows

Year 7 – Attending school as usual except 55 students identified as close contacts who are due to return on **Monday 23rd November.**

Year 8 – Attending as usual except 25 students identified as close contacts who are due to return on **Friday 27th November.**

Year 9 – Students now working remotely using Google Classroom, Seneca and Hegarty Maths. Students due to return on either **Monday 30th November or Tuesday 1st December.**

Year 10 – Students working remotely, due to insufficient staffing, using Google Classroom, Seneca and Hegarty Maths. Due to return on **Monday 23rd November.**

Year 11 – Students working remotely and receiving interactive learning with a mixture of teacher-led videos, independent tasks and Q&A sessions with teachers. This is a completely new way of delivering provision for us so we expect some teething problems, but have made a great start today. 66% of students logged on today and all who did not have been contacted before the end of the day. Year 11 student are due back on **Monday 30th November.**

The Year 11 remote learning has been strengthened due to the proximity to their mock exams which are planned before Christmas and they are working towards their GCSEs next summer. Our staffing levels have been significantly reduced since half-term, but we are hoping to welcome some of these staff back over the next few days.

The experiences over the last few months make it clear that the above dates are subject to change. Thank you for your continued unwavering support and working with us through these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Careless