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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 10 students,

I am writing to inform you that I have had to make the very disappointing decision to move Year 10 students to remote learning. **Students will not therefore be in school from tomorrow Thursday 12th November up to and including Friday 20th November. They will return on Monday 23rd November.**

This is due to staffing levels falling below the level we need to maintain our risk assessment at an acceptable level that keeps everyone safe on-site. This has occurred as 4 staff have received notifications today from the NHS Covid-19 App saying they need to self-isolate. This means we now have a total of 9 staff self-isolating until Monday 23rd November. Year 10 is the group most affected by the 9 members of staff currently isolating.

I know that this will cause you some childcare problems for the next 7 school days, so apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will be providing a provision for vulnerable students over this time period. This will be likely to be the same group of students that were offered provision during the first lockdown back in April and we will contact these families tomorrow. Mr Taylor will be contacting families eligible for Free School Meals about food provision over this 7-day period.

In order for students to continue with their GCSE core and option subjects, they have all been provided with a year 10 Google Classroom code: **qfiyeod**

Students must log in to Google Classroom with their school email and password in order to then enter this code. All work will be under 'classwork'. If your son/daughter is struggling to upload work, then please watch the Loom video explaining how this can be done. Should you need any further information, please see the website under: Remote Learning Resources.

We expect ALL students to fully engage with the learning that is being provided and staff have worked hard to ensure that all the work is in line with what they would have been studying, this week and next, in their normal GCSE lessons. Students should aim to follow their normal timetable as they would be doing in school. We appreciate this is not ideal, but welcome your support and encouragement so that your son/daughter is keeping up to date with the work their peers will also be doing whilst at home.

If you require any further information regarding Google Classroom, please contact Mr Meakin via email: **l.meakin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk**

If you are struggling to access the work then let us know and we will be able to provide paper copies of work.

I repeat this is not a decision I like making at all, as we would always want for the school to be open.

Regards

Mr Careless