



15 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Y9 students,

Having monitored the situation and following advice from Public Health England the levels of positive infections and pupils having to self-isolate has dramatically increased over this week within the Year 9 bubble.

Whilst we have made every effort to keep school open, we are now really struggling with large numbers of staff becoming infected with the Covid-19 virus, or being told to self-isolate by track and trace. We have continued to work as hard as we can to keep school as stable as possible and ensure your child receives the highest standards of teaching and learning. However, our staffing numbers now fall short of what we feel are adequate levels. Consequently, all year 9 students will be asked to work from home from– **Friday, 16 July 2021 up to and including Friday 23 July.**

Children identified as a close contact must isolate until the date they have been given. If your child is not poorly they must login to Teams for their lessons. When a member of staff is absent due to illness and therefore unable to deliver over Teams work will be set on Show My Homework.

Children are not being asked to isolate unless they develop any COVID symptoms, but please be mindful to take your child for a PCR test if symptoms develop. Children must follow their school timetable within school hours on Teams or Show My Homework.

We apologise for this inconvenience, as we understand that it is essential school stays open in order for you to be able to work. However, this is becoming more of a challenge to maintain health and safety every day.

Year 9 sports day and celebration assemblies will be rescheduled for September term.

Yours faithfully,

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Headteacher

