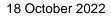


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Dear Parents/Carers,





I am writing with an update regarding staff absence and to advise that we currently have a number of staff that have tested positive for Covid 19.



The total number of staff now absent from school for this and other reasons, has now reached the point where it will be not possible to provide education safely for all of our pupils for tomorrow and Thursday (19th and 20th October).



I have determined, therefore, that the school will need to close to pupils, other than year 10 and 11. At this stage I am satisfied that even if there are more staff absences tomorrow, we will be able to safely provide on-site education for the year 10 & 11 pupils. Staff will be asked to attend school as normal, unless their particular circumstances prevent this.



We have taken this action to try and ensure that we can at least continue to provide education on site to the pupils who are taking exams and/or completing coursework. Year 10 and 11 pupils should therefore come to school as usual, and transport will continue to be available for this purpose. Should the situation change I will update you as soon as possible.



We will be setting additional home learning for Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils, and it is essential that your child completes this. If your child has difficulty completing this, they should email the relevant teacher so that this can be addressed.

We will continue to assess the availability of staff, and if the number of staff increase we will do our best to expand the number of pupils that can be educated on site on Friday (21st). Please could you therefore ensure that you continue to read all communication sent to you, as the situation may change.



I appreciate that the above news will not be welcome, and that it may generate personal difficulties for your family. However, I am sure that you will agree that the safety of the pupils is of paramount importance.



Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding the above and we will respond to you as quickly as possible.



Thank you again for your understanding.



Yours sincerely,



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