



4th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As mentioned previously, we have recently seen a sharp rise in the number of staff and students testing positive for Covid19 and this has led to other staff having to self-isolate. As the isolation period is a minimum of two weeks, it means that we will not have enough staff in school next week for all the of the students to return as planned. Unfortunately, some staff who have contracted the virus remain unwell after the 14 days' isolation period and have therefore been unable to return to work as expected.

Consequently, if your child is one of the students working from home at the moment, I am asking you to keep them at home for a further few days depending on the year group. Please refer to the schedule below:

Year group	Original return date	New return date
Year 10	Tuesday 8 th December	Thursday 10 th December
Year 9	Tuesday 8 th or Thursday 10 th December	Monday 14 th December
Year 12	Thursday 10 th December	Monday 14 th December
Year 7	Tuesday 8 th or Friday 11 th December	Tuesday 15 th December
Year 8 (8X)	Friday 11 th December	Tuesday 15 th December
Year 11		Monday 4 th January 2021

I know this is not ideal and I apologise for the inconvenience, but we are trying to be fair by keeping all groups out for a couple of extra days rather than keeping one group out for longer or sending a different year group home. I know that many local schools have had to close completely and this is the last thing we want to do. However, these are the minimum arrangements we can manage with, and if more staff have to self-isolate then we may, reluctantly, need to send more groups home.

If there are any changes to these arrangements for next week, you will be notified immediately. As we have had some problems with MyEd, please check the website regularly.

We will be looking to see how we can manage to stay open for the last week of term; especially if staff numbers continue to fall. I will let you know the arrangements for the last week but in the meantime please note that school will finish at 11.45 with the school buses leaving at 12 noon on the last day of term, Friday 18th December.

Best wishes

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