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Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised I am writing to provide you with an update of our current staffing situation and our plans moving forward. Thank you again for all of the kind words and support we have received over the past few days, they have been really appreciated. A number of our staff and students have felt quite unwell with the Covid Virus and many are returning after their prescribed isolation period, but are still not quite feeling one hundred percent. The children that have had to be in school have been wonderfully kind and caring, which has made the whole situation that bit more bearable.

### **Moving forward for Years 8 to 11**

The isolation period for many of our staff finish this weekend, so we are planning to open up fully for Years 8 to 11 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that this is dependent on staff being physically well enough to return and no further staff testing positive. Amendments may still have to be made over the next few days if there are further staff absences. As long as everything goes ahead as planned, we will contact the transport providers and ensure that taxis run as normal.

### **Moving forward for Year 7**

As our Year 7 team contracted the Covid virus later than our other staff, they are not due to return from isolation until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Due to us running the rest of the school on a skeleton staff, we would not have the capacity to cover Year 7 as well.

Consequently, we are planning to continue teaching Year 7 remotely until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and then have all Year 7 back in on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This will include those students that receive their learning in the Interventions area. New learning packs will be delivered tomorrow to support learning over this time. We will organise transport to ensure students can return to school the Thursday of next week.

As always we apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that we are back to running normally by the end of next week.



Thank you again for all of your support, and if you need any help, support or clarification on any of the details above, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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