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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so sorry to have to write to you again so soon, but our plans moving forward this week have proved to be misjudged and over optimistic. When seeking guidance, the response from the Local Authority has been; “It’s just your turn, and there’s a lot of it about” and the response from Public Health England has been; “keep doing what you are doing, there is nothing else you can do.”

Consequently, we will keep corresponding with you and providing you with regular updates as the situation unfolds.

On Friday, we planned for seventeen staff to be absent, but unfortunately received notification of a further four being off over the weekend.

As a result, this has left us trying to juggle, providing you as parents, and the transport team, with enough notice to plan ahead, whilst trying to get as many students in school as possible.

The updated plan below shows our best efforts, dictated by the numbers of staff in each Year Group that are sick and unable to work, and the subjects/areas they teach. Conversely, where there is more capacity, we are able to facilitate more learning in that year group on site.

Monday					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
Remote learning other than students invited in by letter	All in	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	In school bespoke cases and 10WA. <u>Remote learning 10GR and 10WI.</u>	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	Remote learning other than students invited in.
Tuesday					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	
Remote learning other than students invited in by letter	All in	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	In school bespoke cases and 10GR. Remote learning 10WI and 10WA	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	Remote learning other than students invited in.



Wednesday					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
Remote learning other than students invited in by letter	All in	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	In school bespoke cases and 10WI. <u>Remote learning 10WA and 10GR</u>	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	Remote learning other than students invited in.
Thursday					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
Remote learning other than students invited in by letter	All in	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	In school bespoke cases and 10WA. <u>Remote learning 10GR and 10WI</u>	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	Remote learning other than students invited in.
Friday					
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Interventions
Remote learning other than students invited in by letter	All in	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	In school bespoke cases and 10GR. <u>Remote learning 10WI and 10WA</u>	Remote learning other than bespoke cases	Remote learning other than students invited in.

I will write again on Wednesday to provide further updates.

Reports

Our Year 10 should have already received a written report, which went out on Friday 26th November, if you were expecting a report and this was not forthcoming, please let us know.

The Year 8 data reports will go out on Friday 3rd December. We apologise for these being delayed by a week due to continued staff absence.

Parents' Evening

Despite our very best efforts, our parents' evening on Thursday 2nd December will now have to be postponed until Thursday 9th December due to whole Year Teams not being well enough to attend. The online booking system will be adjusted to reflect the new date. Any appointments already booked will be rolled over automatically. If you need to change an appointment time as a result of the new date and you are struggling to change it on line, please contact us and we will do it for you. Information about how to book appointments online has been distributed but if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact reception on (01438) 747274 and ask for Lindsay, who will help you.

Covid Testing

As I am sure you are aware, we are still expected to be testing daily until at least the end of this week. I am also taking this opportunity to provide you with advance notice that we have been directed by the Government to plan for a staggered return in January, to enable us to do mass testing on site for all staff and students after the holidays. A programme of return dates will go out next week.

Home to School Transport

Please can we remind all parents and carers that students need to wear face coverings on their journey to and from school unless they are exempt.

Thank you again for your patience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Pearce', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Pearce
Headteacher