

15 July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to inform you that, due to two positive Covid-19 cases in Year 12, and following advice from the DfE, I have taken the decision to request that Year 12 students remain at home from tomorrow (Friday 16 July) through until the end of term. We sent Year 9 students home due to five cases earlier this week. In other year groups, we have only had single cases and have been able to accurately track and trace other students.

We will switch to remote learning from tomorrow for Year 12 so our Sixth Form students can use Microsoft Teams to have online lessons that match their timetable.

Normal provision will still run in school for Years 7, 8 and 10 and we are maintaining all additional measures such as Year Group social bubbles and additional cleaning. From Monday, students and staff are encouraged to wear facemasks despite the Government's policy to relax this requirement, although keeping in year group bubbles, washing hands and keeping these away from faces are just as important and we are reminding students of this.

Can I remind you to do your final lateral flow test on Monday 19 July. One of the main reasons we have been able to keep infection rates relatively low up until now has been down to your support – doing those regular tests and keeping your child at home if required.

Let's hope the Summer is a good circuit breaker and that we can all return to a more settled September.

Yours sincerely

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