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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Introduction of limited remote learning

Over the past few weeks I have been writing to you and sharing my concerns regarding the challenges being faced by leaders in the academy. Those challenges have, this week, become even more significant. The high level of staff absence has made covering lessons a real challenge. We have already merged classes to cover for absent staff but this is not sustainable and agencies are also experiencing significant absences.

To alleviate some of the difficulties we are currently experiencing, we will be introducing limited remote teaching for Year 10 on Tuesday 7 December and Year 9 on Wednesday 8 December. It is important that all year groups other than the one identified attend the academy as usual. We will be holding an assembly on Friday to make sure all students are clear about the expectations.

This is a move we have been desperately trying to avoid, and I know some of our parents / carers will be concerned. We will be reviewing staff absence on a daily basis and intend to inform families if we can revert to face-to-face learning for all. While we intend to give all families as much notice as possible, the nature of staff absence means this information may be shared at short notice, i.e. less than 48 hours. Unfortunately, it may be necessary to introduce similar measures later in the week although the year groups affected will be dependent on the staff who are absent.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

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