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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. This 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.

We must now take action to maintain as much face-to-face learning as possible. Next week we will introduce a very limited remote learning programme which will enable us to alter our timetable and provide effective learning opportunities to all students. The year groups identified below will be affected most by the staff absence we are already aware of. Therefore, we have taken the decision to support them through a remote learning provision.

**On Tuesday 7 December, Year 10 students will be asked to work from home and join remote lessons which will be presented by a number of Guilsborough staff.** To maintain a high quality of provision we will be altering the students' curriculum on that day, so that all students in Year 10 will study one lesson of English, one lesson of Maths, and one lesson of PE. Students who have an Education and Health Care Plan, or those who are Looked After, will be able to attend the academy as normal and will be supported to access the remote learning. Laptops will be provided.

**On Wednesday 8 December, Year 9 students will be asked to work from home.** These students will also receive remote learning with their timetable altered to include English, Maths, and Science. Again, those students with an Education and Health Care Plan, and those who are Looked After, will be able to attend the academy.

**Students working remotely will receive a separate invite to join each of the sessions taught during the day. Attendance will be monitored and processed as usual, including our absence notifications.**

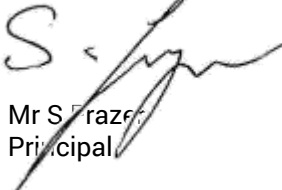
This is a move we have been desperately trying to avoid, and I know some of our parents/carers will be concerned. We will be reviewing staff absence on a daily basis and intend to inform families if we can revert to face-to-face learning for all. While we intend to give all families as much notice as 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.

I understand these measures will be difficult for students and their parents/carers. The situation in school will be kept under constant review. Reducing the transmission and illness caused by COVID among students and staff is crucial to avoid further implementation of these measures.

It is important at this time to remind all students and staff of the importance of wearing face masks in communal areas and to increase handwashing to further reduce the transmission of COVID and other seasonal illnesses.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



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