

Reduction of student timetables due to Covid-19

Thursday 5th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are continuing to feel the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic within school. Although we have managed to maintain our full curriculum offer so far this term we are increasingly becoming stretched due to the requirement for staff to isolate if they have had contact with someone who has tested positive or if a member of their household develops symptoms. As cases rise nationally it is likely that staff will continue to have to isolate. To enable us to maintain a safe working environment and provide the best quality of education possible we now have to reduce the time that some groups spend in school.

We have not made this decision lightly and are aware of the significant impact it has on families and childcare. We therefore intend to share the reduction across year groups 7, 8, 9 so no students are unfairly affected. We intend to prioritise the education of our year 11 students as they work towards GCSE examinations and transition to college.

Starting from **Monday 9th November 2020** our year 7, 8, 9 and 10 groups will go down to four days a week. This will allow for staff members within those groups to cover staff from other groups who are required to self-isolate. Students who are off will access an education provision at home through work packs and activities set on Class Dojo. Please see the table on the next page for which day your child will be required to remain home.

This provision will run for the remaining duration of the Autumn Term. We will review the new provision frequently and if additional staff return from isolation then we will look to implement a phased return to full time provision starting with groups in year 10. Students who are under child protection plans within these groups will continue to come in on a full time basis.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7W		Remote Education			
7GB				Remote Education	
7U			Remote Education		
8M					Remote Education
8WP	Remote Education				
9S		Remote Education			
9TK				Remote Education	
9AP					Remote Education
10H	Remote Education				
10R			Remote Education		
10J					Remote Education
11G	In all 5 days				
11H	In all 5 days				

Please continue to be vigilant and ensure that your child does not come into school on a day when they are working remotely or if they or a household member have:

- Persistent Cough
- Raised temperature
- Loss or change in taste or smell

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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