



20th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to provide an update in relation to temporary arrangements for Year 8. Having reviewed the present circumstances, we have decided to extend the current remote learning provision for a further week until Friday 27th November.

Whilst we have now enjoyed an extended period with no new reported cases, a significant proportion of the Year group remain in their self-isolation period through the coming week. Staff availability in a similar way continues to be a challenge.

Given the nature of CV19 associated self-isolation, the vast majority of staff and students remain well and able to work, despite being unable to leave home and attend school. It therefore remains preferable to use our established remote platform in the interim to maximise the consistency and quality of learning experiences and provide access to regular classroom teachers.

All lessons will continue to be taught live to students through Microsoft Teams. If there is any reason why your child might struggle to access our extended remote offer, then please get in touch with the Year office at the earliest opportunity so that we can support you in addressing specific barriers. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will be in touch to explain how we will continue to offer support.

For those parents who work in critical sectors (list [here](#)), we will enable students to attend school under supervision to do the same work as their peers. They will not attend normal lessons. If you feel that your child is eligible for this provision or your child is vulnerable and needs to remain in school, please contact the Year office with details as soon as possible so that we can make required arrangements.

I would like to again thank you in anticipation for your continued and much valued support.

Yours sincerely

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