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Dear Parents and Students

I am writing to help parents prepare for the possibility of moving to at home learning for some year groups due to rising COVID levels and subsequent staff absence.

Case rates amongst students and staff continue to rise. Today we have sixteen staff absent from school either with COVID or caring for their families, plus several more absent for other reasons. We also have eighty-six pupils off school with confirmed cases of COVID.

During the pandemic, we have increased the number of associate teachers employed at the school to cover in the event of staff absence. Teachers are still covering many lessons each day to support their absent colleagues. Setting work for absent students, and for the classes of unwell colleagues, also increases workload so please be aware that the staff are doing their utmost to support the children's learning, and each other.

Many schools, locally and nationally, have instigated a blended model to manage high levels of staff absence - rotating year groups on site/at home. This is not a measure we would want to introduce, but we may need to in the coming days.

If we do move to a blended model, we will prioritise the examination year groups (years 11 and 13), to be onsite for their learning. The other year groups would either be taught onsite or via MS Teams on a rotation. More details will follow if this measure needs to be implemented.

Children must not come to school if they are displaying any signs of COVID. Hand washing facilities and sanitizer are available at school; children are also encouraged to carry and use their own small bottles of hand sanitizer.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours faithfully

D J Gray
Headteacher



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