

25th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware, the COVID-19 rates in the country are high at the current time and I am writing to inform you that the College is suffering from a significantly high number of staff absences. We have been closely monitoring the situation, adjusting all staff commitment where possible to prioritise class teaching and have been bringing class groups together in an attempt to avoid sending students home. We have been utilising cover staff from across the college and there is no further capacity at this time.

Due to an increase in positive COVID-19 cases across the teaching staff today, we find ourselves in the position of having insufficient staff to supervise and teach a significant number of lessons next week. Therefore the decision has been made to ask the following Year Groups to remain at home on a specified day to carry out Remote Learning. This unfortunately is becoming increasingly the case in many schools.

Please be assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and we have made every effort to try to avoid this situation.

Date	Year Group NOT in college - remain at home for remote learning
Monday 28th March	Year 12
Tuesday 29th March	Year 10
Wednesday 30th March	Year 9

Students should access the remote learning set in the google classroom.

We will continue to monitor the situation next week and send updates to all parents/carers as circumstances change. It may be necessary to instigate further year group closures on Thursday and Friday.

Please note that the following groups will be required to attend College regardless of which Year Group are designated to work from home; the families of these students will receive additional communication as a reminder:

- Vulnerable students
- Students with an EHCP
- Students with Social Worker involvement

We apologise for any inconvenience and disruption this may cause and thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Frier". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Anita Frier

Headteacher

Naomi Leech, Headteacher