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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter last night, I am afraid that we have had to take the decision to move to Online learning for all pupils in all year groups for the remainder of this term. This is in line with our risk assessment, which we set out at the beginning of the year. This decision has not been taken without due thought and consideration. We have reached the point where significant numbers of pupils have tested positive in the last two weeks (10 in Y7, 5 in Y8, 5 in Y9 and 6 in Y10 – 26 pupils in total). This combined with the number of staff absent from work due to Covid related reasons, means that we do not have enough staff available to open the building to pupils in a safe manner.

From tomorrow, staff will be in school delivering LIVE LESSONS throughout the day in accordance with your child's timetable. Those staff in isolation, but well, will deliver live lessons from home. Staff will be sending pupil's links to the live lessons in the same way, which they have done previously. We will use the systems outlined in the two documents "A pupil guide to Teams" and "Remote Education Information to Parents Carers" which I am sure we are all familiar with now. These documents have been attached to this notification. Live lessons will be scheduled up until lunchtime on Friday (P3), which is when term ends.

If a member of staff is not able to provide a live lesson because they are ill themselves, work and full instructions will be set in FOLDr for each lesson.

We do appreciate that pupils working from home might cause you some difficulties, so please accept our apologies. We hoped that we would not be in this situation again.

A reminder that our school office is open in week 1 and week 7 of the summer break. In an emergency outside of these weeks, please use the general enquiries form on the school website to contact us. Please note that these messages are checked regularly, but the inbox cannot be monitored throughout each day.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your continued understanding. We will be in touch with you toward the latter half of the summer break to outline the systems and procedures in place for our pupils returning to face-to-face education in September.

I hope that everyone has a restful and safe summer break.

Regards

Mr. D. Airey

Headteacher

