10th November 2020

Dear Parents,

School staff will be making contact with the parents of all pupils in Year 12 and with the parents of pupils in one of our Year 7 classes (7 Boulton 2). This is because those classes are going to need to self-isolate away from school until Monday 23rd November as a result of pupils in those groups testing positive for the virus.

In Year 12, two pupils have tested positive and because we do not have class groups and home rooms in sixth form, the safest action for the school to take is to have Year 12 pupils stay away from school for two weeks. During this time, pupils in Year 12 will be provided with remote learning opportunities to continue their progress through the curriculum. We are also able to provide pupils in Year 12 with a laptop to use because of a government funded scheme to provide devices to pupils in certain year groups.

Parents of pupils in Year 12 will receive more information about remote learning later today.

In 7 Boulton 2, one pupil has tested positive and again, the safest course of action is for the pupils in that class to stay away from school for two weeks. As before, these pupils will be provided with maths and English resources to complete.

Moving forwards, this is a reminder to us all of how high the current risk of catching the virus currently is in our community. It is incredibly important that we remember the need for all pupils to arrive to school each day wearing a face-covering and that outside of school, pupils are not mixing with children or adults from other households.

Crucially, it is incredibly important that if your child has any symptoms of coronavirus, then they must stay away from school. They must also stay away from school if anyone else in your household is experiencing symptoms.

This is an incredibly difficult time for our whole community and I am incredibly grateful for the support all parents have provided for the school in our work to keep everybody safe.

If you have any questions or concerns around our response to the virus, then please do get in touch and I will be happy to speak to you in the days ahead.

Kind regards,

Mr Guy Rimmer
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