

Tuesday 15th December

Re: School update – Remote learning

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the school's move to remote learning for the final days of this term. I am so sorry for the very late running of this message.

Wednesday 16th December is now going to be an online-learning day for all pupils. Many of our pupils have had to self-isolate since September and we want to make sure that all our pupils have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with getting the most out of Google Classroom. Pupils should follow their normal timetable and they will either receive live (audio) lessons, or have access to narrated tasks provided by their regular class teacher. Google Classroom is our main way of ensuring that pupils have access to an excellent education during these difficult times, so please ensure that your child is in attendance. Teaching staff will be making calls home to pupils who do not attend this day.

All pupils who have had face-to-face learning since Tuesday of this week must continue to attend school in person.

To support this work, **we have now made the decision to use Thursday 17th December as an additional INSET day for staff at school.** We want to research and explore the online learning experiences of our pupils and use this information to ensure that we can continue to improve this provision.

Please support this work by sending in any comments regarding the best aspects of this part of the school's provision. We also want to know where we need to improve, so please also pass on details on where this provision is not working as well – the school email address is below.

As per my letter last Friday (11th) the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 18th December. This remains a staff INSET day.

All members of staff at the school received a home testing kit for Covid19 this afternoon. We are hoping that testing staff just before we return after the Christmas break will give us a much better sense of our staffing capacity.

We will still be staggering pupil's re-entry to school in January:

Group 1 (Years 7, 9 and 11): Tuesday 5th January at 8:40am

Group 2 (Years 8 and 10): Wednesday 6th January at 9:00am

Information about how pupils in Years 10 and 11 can access testing this weekend, will be shared via Google Classroom.

Yours faithfully,

Jessica McQuaid

Head Teacher