

17th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We are writing to inform you that there has been a positive case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed for a Year 8 pupil at school this morning and, following advice received from the DFE, fourteen members of staff will now need to self-isolate for 2 weeks as a result. The school will therefore need to enter a period of partial closure from tomorrow (18th November) for Years 8, 9 and 10. The school will reopen to all pupils and staff on **Monday 30th November**.

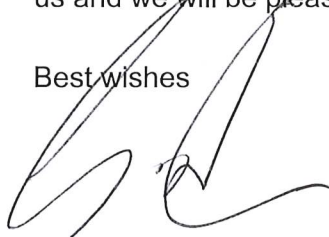
For Years 7 and 11, school will continue as per normal where their lessons will either be taught by their subject teacher or a relevant subject specialist or supervised by another colleague with remote learning opportunities provided by their normal teacher. In all cases, the school remains fully committed to continue to provide the very best possible remote learning experiences as we did in the previous lockdown period.

If your child is in Years 8 -10, they will be provided with weekly work comprising a blend of Google Classroom or other platform based learning and live lessons. Where live lessons are offered, the details will be provided via Google Classroom. At this stage, we would like to remind you of the 'Guardians' function on Google Classroom where your child's teachers can communicate directly with you; this will be a good way in which to engage with your child's learning during the partial closure.

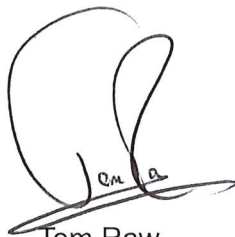
I know that this situation is unfortunate but we are sure that you can understand that the health and safety of all our students and staff remains our utmost priority and having insufficient available staff for all year groups to carry on as normal is a challenge that needs to be tackled.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either of us and we will be pleased to help.

Best wishes



Gary Nelson
Headteacher



Tom Raw
Deputy Headteacher

