

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that due to high numbers of staff absence, we have had to make the very difficult decision to reduce the number of students onsite until the end of term.

We have made every effort to continue to provide an outstanding education to all of our students whilst maintaining an environment that is as safe as possible. Unfortunately, the high number of staff absence has left us with a significantly depleted level of staffing to effectively maintain all students' education and safety in school, which is of course our first priority.

As a result, I have reluctantly made the decision to introduce a revised timetable which means that not all year groups will attend school on a full-time basis until Monday 25th April (following the Easter break). The details of this new arrangement are outlined below. I would like to assure all of our families that this decision has not been taken lightly and that if our circumstances change for the better then we will return to our normal operation as quickly as possible. However, if there are further teacher absences over the coming days then we may be forced to ask additional year groups to stay at home on these days.

The table below indicates the days that each year group will **not** be in school:

Wednesday 6 th April	Year 8
Thursday 7 th April	Year 9
Friday 8 th April	Year 11

The school remains committed to providing a high-quality curriculum to all students regardless of whether they are in school or learning from home. On the days that students are required to learn from home, they should therefore continue to follow their usual timetable and **work will be provided on Show My Homework** for them to complete independently. This will support them to know more and remember more.

We fully appreciate the impact that this will have on our young people and yourselves as parents and carers. We apologise for the additional disruption to learning and family life that these measures will inevitably bring but hope it is understood that the school would not be taking these exceptional measures unless it was absolutely essential to do so.

I am very grateful for your continued patience and understanding as well as your commitment to supporting your child's learning and progress during any enforced absence from school. We will continue to communicate regularly with all of our families and send any relevant updates to you as promptly as possible.

Yours faithfully,



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