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Dear Parents and Carers,

8<sup>th</sup> December 2020

As we approach the end of term, I am writing to give you some further important updates. While the contents of this letter, may not be directly relevant to all parents, I am sure you all want to be kept informed of the picture across all year groups.

I know that you are fully aware of the challenges that we have faced in school, with numerous pupils and staff being required to self-isolate; this has been further compounded this week with non-COVID related sickness, which is of course usual at this time of the year.

It is with regret, but also with pragmatism, that **we have made the decision to require the remaining Y9 pupils that are currently in school to work from home for the remainder of this week starting from tomorrow.** This is a difficult decision, but a necessary one, as we will not have sufficient staffing to cover all classes. Pupils will be required to follow the Blended Learning Model along with their self-isolating peers.

With this situation likely to continue, **we have decided that next week Y10 pupils will be required to work from home following the Blended Learning Model** (week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December), with their last day in school this term being Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. We felt it important to give this year group notice, as they will not be in school for the final week of the term.

With more pupils at home, **live sessions with teachers or uploaded instructional videos** will be particularly important in ensuring that pupils continue to access the curriculum. Where teachers are not required to cover other classes in school and all pupils within a year group are at home, live sessions will be delivered, or videos will be uploaded.

Parents of Y11 will be receiving information this week regarding the forthcoming PPEs (mocks) and the arrangements for summer examinations. Please note that **Academic Prep** will continue into the last week of term on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday only.

I continue to be thankful for your patience and understanding; I am eternally grateful for the support we have received from the parent body throughout the pandemic.

Kind regards,

**Helen Ginger**  
Headteacher