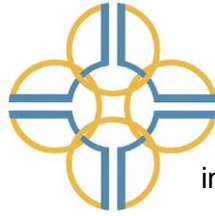


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4th January 2022

Dear parent

As you will be aware, the spread of Omicron over the past few weeks has had a significant impact on the number of positive cases and, as a result, the number of people required to self-isolate.

Unfortunately, as we have returned to school today we have become aware of a significant number of teaching staff who are unavailable for work due to a combination of testing positive for Covid, self-isolating, suffering from long Covid or other absences. We have managed to secure a small number of substitute teachers to supplement those that we had already booked.

However, due to this shortage of staff and in the interests of health and safety for all concerned, I feel it is imperative that we introduce a staggered return to school for our junior school pupils this week.

To facilitate this the following schedule will be followed for the remainder of this week:

- Wednesday 5th January - Pupils in year 8,10,11,12,13 and 14 will attend school. Pupil in year 9 will undertake remote learning at home and should register at 9am through Google Classroom. Information regarding Google Classroom including the classroom codes will be forwarded through Parentapp.
- Thursday 6th January – Pupils in year 8,9,11,12,13 and 14 will attend school. Pupils in Year 10 will undertake remote learning at home and should register at 9am through Google Classroom. Information regarding Google Classroom including the classroom codes will be forwarded through Parentapp.
- Friday 7th January – Pupils in 9,10,11,12,13 and 14 will attend school. Pupils in Year 8 will undertake remote learning at home and should register at 9am through Google Classroom. Information regarding Google Classroom including the classroom codes will be forwarded through Parentapp.

As pupils return to school we will continue to reinforce the need for our current range of mitigations to protect everyone in the building including:

- the need to wear either a mask/visor or lanyard throughout the school day. Please ensure that your child has a suitable face covering that can be worn throughout the day. If necessary, pupils will be able to buy a disposable face mask here in school should the need arise.
- the use of ‘bubble’ systems at break and lunch and the one-way system.
- the use of lateral flow testing twice per week.
- the use of sanitisers and hand washing during the school day.

Should pupils display any of the Covid Symptoms please do not send them to school – please complete a lateral flow tests and follow the PHA guidelines.

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I apologise for any inconvenience and for the short notice of this information, however, this is unfortunately a necessary step at this time to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all.

I will continue to keep you updated as things become clearer over the next few days.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Beattie', written on a light blue horizontal line.

G Beattie
Principal

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