

21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Staff shortages and Covid protocols

As you are aware, the number of Covid cases in our area remains high. Once staff absences reach a specific level due to Covid and Winter illness, we need to review whether we can keep the Academy running safely for all students. Therefore, **we may** need to make the difficult decision to close or partially close a year group on a specific day and move learning online. **If this is the case, we will send a text home** and learning will be uploaded to Show My Homework. Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes to contact details and look out for texts and emails in case of an alert.

To be clear, we are not closing year groups at this moment, and we will endeavour to keep all year groups open where it is safe to do so.

Thank you to families for supporting the temporary additional Covid measures. Please can we remind everyone that all students should come to school with a mask (and spares) and wear this in communal areas unless they are exempt. It is also important to continue twice weekly lateral flow testing. Finally, students should not come to school if they have Covid symptoms and should arrange a PCR test.

We will keep you up to date with any changes or additional guidance we receive. Your support through these changing times is greatly appreciated. Please contact the Year Team if you have any questions.

Kind regards



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Vice Principal