

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear staff, students, parents and carers,

## Covid Update

We are currently experiencing a high and increasing number of Covid cases in our student body and staff team.

Today, with 15 teaching and 2 Support Staff absent, I have taken the decision to reduce student numbers onsite and Year 13 students have been asked to study at home for the day. This is to ensure that the school site is safe and lessons and duties can be covered with significantly reduced staff available.

Staff absence is expected to remain at this current level for the next few days and could possibly increase. Therefore, to help parents and carers plan ahead and to help staff facilitate high quality learning via TEAMS and other means, the plan for the next few days is as follows:

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 will study from home
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October Year 12 will study from home

## All other year groups to attend as normal.

In addition, we have also reintroduced other previously used actions in school to help limit and reduce Covid cases:

- Classroom layouts will be changed to rows (if not already), limiting face to face contact for students.
- Face coverings are now recommended to be worn by staff and students in communal areas (such as corridors, canteen) - we have lots of stock of these and face coverings will be freely available from staff should students request them.
- We have recommended that staff wear a face covering when circulating around their classroom and supporting students, staff may also choose to remain 2m from the front row of students.
- Sanitiser remains available in every corridor and classroom and we remind students on entry and exit to sanitise.

We do not know if any singular action alone will limit the spread of Covid. However, we do know that lots of small measures help others feel safe and our experience over the last 18 months tells us that these have helped limit illness and absence for both staff and students.

We continue to try to balance 'normality' with safety and all other school activities and events will continue as normal for now.

If you have any concerns about your own child or something we are, or are not doing, please speak with or email your child's Progress Leader.

Yours faithfully

**Mr S Garrity**  
*Headteacher*