



13th December 2021

Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning Plans - Covid Update 13/12/21

Covid levels in our locality and community are on the rise. Today, we have 16 staff absent from school and the number will not improve until the end of term (mainly due to periods of isolation). Therefore, to help you plan ahead and to keep our students safe whilst onsite, we have taken the decision to reduce numbers onsite for the remaining days of this term.

The following year groups will switch to remote learning on the following days:

- Tuesday 14th December: Year 10 will study from home
- Wednesday 15th December: Year 9 will study from home
- Thursday 16th December: Year 8 will study from home
- Friday 17th December: Year 7 will study from home
- Monday 20th December: Year 11 and 12 will study from home
- Tuesday 21st December: Year 11 and 12 will study from home

This is far from ideal and is very much a compromise for all affected. However, we do feel well set up for high quality remote learning even with such depleted staffing. We are finalising the details and we expect to have a teacher available online for each year group/part year group for each lesson - further details will follow this letter. Year 13 mock exams for January are still planned to go ahead. Therefore, we have decided to keep this cohort in school until the end of term.

Other events and plans:

- The Year 11 Christmas shopping trip is now postponed until the new year (maybe January sales!).
- The Year 7 Carol concert at St Oswald's Church will now be virtual, no Year 7s will visit the church unfortunately.
- The QEGS Christmas Music concert will now be virtual with no audience, any ticket sales will be refunded.
- Christmas lunches for each year group in school will go ahead, please see the bulletin for the specific days for year groups.

Our students' behaviour and attitudes in school have been exceptional. They have shown a great deal of respect for each other's safety, and they have followed our instructions and advice without debate. We have had a high level of Cover and Supply staff recently and it is really important that your child respects and values any adult in the room who is there to facilitate learning when the usual teacher is unable to do so.

We remain vigilant in our efforts to maximise safety for all, please support us by talking to your child about their own routines and behaviour. Hands, face, space are the basics (sanitise, wear a face covering and keep your distance where possible).

There will be further information to follow. This letter is simply to give you as much notice as possible. If you have questions about remote learning, access to technology (we have a number of laptops and Ipads that we can loan out), please get in touch with your child's Progress Leader.

Access to IT equipment

If your child needs access to IT equipment they can loan out what they need from the Library. Please ask them to visit the Library where they will collect a short form for you to sign, return, and then they can take the equipment home.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal and will be learning from home on the days shown above, we can provide meals for collection from the school site.

Please email me via: bawden@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk if you would like to collect a meal on the day your child will be studying from home.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher