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Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Carers,

Covid Update 16/12/21

Unfortunately, our positive Covid cases and staff absence have continued to rise since Monday. Therefore, to safely staff the site, lessons and duties and to help you plan ahead, we have taken the decision to **further reduce numbers** onsite for the remaining days of this term.

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

- Friday 17th December: Yrs 7, **10 and 13** will study from home
- Monday 20th December: Yrs **9**, 11 and 12 will study from home
- Tuesday 21st December: Yrs **8**, 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.

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. Teaching colleagues have been amazing and are covering lessons, supplemented by external Supply staff. It is really important that your child respects and values any adult in the room who is there to facilitate learning when their regular 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).

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: 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

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher