



24 September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

I just wanted to update you again on the Covid situation in school.

Confirmed cases have continued to rise by around 15 per day and we are aware of a number of other students who are absent with the usual winter illness symptoms. The introduction of masks in corridors should help and we may need further precautionary measures in the coming days. This Covid resurgence seems to be widespread across the area and country. There were 100,000 students absent last week nationally and I expect the number to be much higher this week.

I want to reiterate that Covid is usually a mild disease in the young but we want to reduce the spread to protect everyone particularly those who are more vulnerable. Please remember that if your child has any of the three main Covid symptoms, (temperature, cough or loss of sense of taste/smell) then they should self-isolate and get a PCR test.

Online learning

Despite the student absence rates, lessons are going ahead in school as normal. For those who are absent we are creating an online learning offer which matches our class learning so students can continue with their studies whilst at home, if they are able to.

We have created a Google Classroom class for each year group 7-11 which contains work for this half term for each subject. This work will include, from Monday, a blended offer of online software such as Seneca Learning, GCSE Pod, Oak Academy and Maths Watch with class presentations and teacher set tasks.

For Key Stage 5, staff will contact classes directly using email and Google Classroom.

To access this resource, students will need to log on to their school email and accept the invitation to the remote learning class. This will contain a link to the relevant pages in Google Classroom. Links will also be added to the Home Learning tab on our website.

If there are any issues, please contact the class teacher by email.

We will continue to develop this online approach over the coming weeks to respond to the changing Covid picture.

Open Evening for Year 5 and 6

Our open evening for primary school pupils next week has been postponed and will be rearranged for later this term in October.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'NGoforth'.

Nick Goforth, Headteacher