

14th March 2022

Dear Parents

Re: Update Letter

The end of last week and also the weekend has seen a further rise in COVID cases amongst staff.

The numbers are just going up and up. The cover agencies we use, are struggling to recruit and with a rise in absent staff right across the sector this is creating a rise in demand for cover staff but a reduction in the supply. This is creating real challenges for providing cover and with this adequate supervision.

After our previous home learning rota came to an end I was determined to see no further class closures. I hope the Easter Holiday will act like a circuit breaker much like the February half term, but unfortunately this is still nearly three weeks away.

As a result of this we have had to revert to short spells of home learning for classes that are directly experiencing COVID cases but we are still determined to avoid a rota if at all possible. We are aiming to keep class closures to a maximum of 2 consecutive days, wherever possible, and being as efficient as possible when redistributing staff. This is intended to ensure no class is singly affected in a way that is significantly disproportionate to any other.

Please also be aware that this is proving to be a moving target as the scale of staff absence due to COVID changes day to day. As staff return, others are going off, it is of course impossible to predict which classes will be affected next and to what extent so we are having to respond day to day to the challenges as they present themselves.

Please once again accept my sincere thanks for being so understanding, flexible, and at times at such short notice.

Let me please also remind you that if your individual circumstances are such that a class closure creates insurmountable difficulties, please contact the office and we will try and accommodate individual cases best we can.

Please accept my apologies and thanks in equal measure as COVID continues to adversely impact day to day school operation.

Yours faithfully



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Deputy Principal