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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write, further to my letter of yesterday, to inform you that because of an increase in staff isolating due to COVID-19, I have sadly had to take the decision to close the College for students in specific year groups over the course of the coming week, and to provide them with remote learning instead.

As you know we have managed to keep the school fully open throughout the pandemic, despite significant pressures being placed on staffing, and particularly throughout this academic year. Unfortunately, we have reached a point, that for reasons of operational safety, we will not be able to accommodate all students on site as we move through the week. I am therefore asking specific year groups to learn remotely to help alleviate these pressures and to ensure that the school site is operationally safe for as many students as possible. I wholeheartedly understand that this may cause some inconvenience for parents and students, but I must assure you that this course of action is an absolute last resort, and is unavoidable on the grounds of health and safety.

To confirm, the following plan will be in place:

- Y8 students stay at home Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Y8 students will receive Remote Learning in the usual way via Class Charts.
- This Remote Learning will follow students' timetable.
- Y8 students will return to College on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- Y9 students stay at home Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- Y9 students will receive Remote Learning in the usual way via Class Charts.
- This Remote Learning will follow students' timetable.
- Y9 students will return to College on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely, daily, and will keep you fully updated. I am sincerely sorry that I have had to take this course of action, but I hope and trust that you understand why I have done so.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Griffiths (Principal).