

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 10 Students

I am writing to you today to inform you that due to staff shortage we have taken the difficult decision to ask **all Year 10 students** to work from home for the next week from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, returning to school as normal on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**.

I can confirm that this is not due to high COVID cases amongst staff, so please don't be alarmed, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community.

We currently have a large number of year 10 students who are already isolating as they have been identified, when using the Public health England advice, as being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus. If your child is not part of this bubble who are currently off school this week then they do not have to isolate but do need to remain at home for their lessons rather than coming in to school. The school remains open to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 and they must continue to attend as normal.

I know that asking Year 10 students to learn from home for the next week may significantly inconvenience you; please rest assured that we have not taken this decision lightly and there are many factors that we have had to consider when making the difficult decision about which year group needs to be asked to work from home.

All learning for year 10 next week will either take place via **live lessons** for which they will receive an email invite to their school email address, or the lessons will be uploaded on **Teams**. All students have been shown how to access the live lessons and the Teams lessons and their attendance to these lessons will be closely monitored. It is extremely important that your child attends all the live lessons and completes all the work on Teams. If they fail to do this they will have gaps in their learning and this could have consequences for their GCSE exams in the future. Completing all the work set will mean your child will not fall behind and will be on track in all subjects.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we have a named box in reception with lunchtime food provisions for you or your child to come and collect any time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 9:00am.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question, you can email [admin@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:admin@oasislisterpark.org) or call the academy on 01274 362050, but please be aware our phone lines may be busy.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation via text, your child's email address or the latest news section on the website.

Yours faithfully

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