

10th January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you have had a positive and healthy start to 2022.

Unfortunately, we are starting the year with high numbers of students having to stay at home due to positive COVID-19 tests. Previously, we have set work for students having to self-isolate rather than for students who have tested positive for the virus. With the changing government guidance with regards to testing and isolation, we feel that it is time to review this process, as now, the only students who are having to self-isolate are those who have tested positive. We hope that those students who are poorly and displaying symptoms rest during this 7-day period, and take the time they need to recover. We are also aware that some students have tested positive but are asymptomatic - displaying no symptoms - and feel well enough to complete work. We have received a number of parental requests for work, and, therefore, we have decided to provide work via Google Classroom for all students who are off with a positive COVID-19 test. It will be your decision, as a family, if you feel that your child is able to complete work. Some students will be keen to, as they feel well and want to stay on top of their studies; others will not feel well enough and will need the time to recover - we will support them to catch up when they are back in school.

This approach to supporting your child's education during these unprecedented times will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure suitability. Thank you for your ongoing support with our remote learning work provision. If there is anything you would like to comment on, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kind regards



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