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Dear parents/carers,

For a number of weeks we have been experiencing extremely high levels of teaching staff sickness absence and, as many schools locally have found themselves in a similar situation, it is becoming increasingly difficult to source supply teachers to cover classes. We anticipate that we could have as many as seventeen teachers absent tomorrow and that the situation might potentially not ease too significantly for a number of days. High levels of Staff absence obviously make it challenging to ensure appropriate levels of supervision for pupils on site and accordingly we shall have to continue to undertake assessments of timetabling arrangements for subsequent days to ensure that we will have enough staff to provide safe face to face learning and general site supervision for those pupils who would be with staff who are anticipated to be absent.

Unfortunately, as we want to prioritise examination year groups, Year 8 and 9 are the year groups timetabled for most lessons with the absent staff tomorrow and so we have had to make the decision reluctantly to move those year groups to remote learning for tomorrow (Tuesday 20th December 2022) in the first instance. It is possible that staffing levels may improve in the coming days but we cannot guarantee that at this stage. **Years 7, 10 and 11 should attend school as normal tomorrow (Tuesday 20th December).**

There is a distinct possibility that other year groups may have to move to remote learning in the coming days so please try to ensure that your child is making good use of their chromebook and the Google classroom when you are able. Obviously we shall try our best to keep disruption to a minimum but please be aware that some disruption is likely and that we may not be able to avoid making such a decision with less than a day's notice as the staffing situation dictates. **There will be no requirement for a 'live' check in during the usual registration period for those pupils who are working from home tomorrow** and all work set for subsequent lessons shall be available in the Google classroom for each group.

Apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in anticipation of your understanding,

Yours sincerely

Mr J N Hicks
Headteacher