



Dear Parents,

Last week staff illness and absence forced us to make the decision to ask Years 8 and 9 work from home.

Reading the news we are not alone in having to do things differently because of widespread sickness. Apparently flights and trains are being cancelled along with closures of other places of work and schools. There is a mix of Covid, flu and other horrible viruses working their way through staff and our children. Today's attendance is the lowest we have seen for a very long time with so many children at home ill.

Staff absences remains very high with many staff in school doing their best whilst feeling unwell.

Having looked at the timetable for the rest of this week I have made the unhappy decision to ask that Year 10 students work from home tomorrow and Wednesday. Students are to follow their normal timetable with a live Form time each day at 9.05 as usual. Work will be set as 'Assignments' on Teams.

If a youngster in Year 10 is unable to stay at home please make contact and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Apologies to Year 10. We will have to make it up to them.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a vertical line, positioned above the name of the Head Teacher.

Dean Coombes  
Head Teacher