



8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly a genuine thank you for you for supporting the measures we have in place to manage the ongoing Covid infections, e.g., mask wearing, testing and isolation.

The number of infections recorded at our school is currently as high as it has ever been. We have almost 20% of our staff absent from school. They are either unwell and frustrated or testing positive and frustrated at having to isolate.

This level of staff absence presents our school with a number of problems. Some are about the quality of education and others relate to supporting all our learners and keeping everyone safe.

Having looked at the timetable I have made the unhappy decision to ask that Year 8 students work from home on Thursday and Friday. 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 8 is unable to stay at home please make contact and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Apologies to year 8. We will have to make it up to them.

Best wishes.

Dean Coombes  
Head Teacher