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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As you are aware, we have managed to keep Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School open to all year groups since our return in September. When we have had students or staff test positive for COVID-19 we have contacted close-contacts and instructed them to self-isolate; thank you for your support with this process.

We are now in a situation where a significant number of staff have been instructed to self-isolate by the NHS Track and Trace App. In addition to this, we have a number of staff who are absent from school for non-COVID related reasons. Furthermore, as you are aware from our other correspondence there are two staff who have tested positive for COVID-19. Linked to this, we have also instructed a further 18 students to self-isolate as a result of being in close contact with a teaching assistant with whom they had worked in close proximity.

Therefore, in total we have nearly 40 staff who will be absent from school for this week. It is evident that we will not be able to remain fully open with the staffing issues this presents. We have maximised coverage of teachers for lessons and support staff for related services through redeployment of existing staff and contracting in supply agency workers. However, we still face considerable staff and service shortages.

Consequently, we have analysed:

- 1) Health and Safety implications
- 2) The quality of education that can be delivered (e.g. how many classes are affected in each year group, each period, each day)
- 3) How many supply staff are available to employ from supply agencies
- 4) The subsequent service we can offer

It is evident that to ensure the highest quality of education we need to ask some students to stay at home and access lessons remotely during the course of this week.

The outcome of this analysis, and therefore which students should access remote learning from home on certain days, is as follows:

Date	Day	Year groups working remotely from home	Year groups to be in school
15/12/2020	Tuesday	Y7, Y8, Y10	Y9, Y11, Y12, Y13
16/12/2020	Wednesday	Y8, Y9, Y11	Y7, Y10, Y12, Y13
17/12/2020	Thursday	Y9, Y11	Y7, Y8, Y10, Y12, Y13
18/12/2020	Friday	Y10	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y11, Y12, Y13

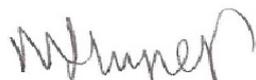


The students need to follow their usual timetable. Lessons will either be live through Microsoft Teams or emailed to students. Details of accessing remote learning can be found on the website <https://www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php/latest-successes/874-what-to-do-if-i-m-a-student-self-isolating>.

We appreciate this is short-notice and may create difficulties and apologise for the disruption this will cause.

We thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Mr M J Cooper
Headteacher