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Dear Parent/Carer

Provision for Year 10 during self-isolation

Thank you for your continued support regarding the difficult decision we had to make with Year 10 on Monday. Below is a brief outline of the steps we took as a school to work collaboratively with Hertfordshire County Council and Public Health England:

- In the event that we have a positive test in a year group we conduct, in partnership with HCC, a risk assessment.
- The results of the risk assessment on this occasion demonstrated that we needed to isolate the whole year group bubble. When we had a positive case before half term, we did not, and only had to ask part of a year group to self-isolate. Each case is different and is risk assessed thoroughly.
- This decision has been checked with and is supported by HCC and Public Health England and is in line with the guidance issued to schools for full reopening in August 2020. It is the same guidance which is followed by all schools in England.

I completely understand that you may be concerned about your child missing another two weeks of school and potentially falling behind in their studies so we have made sure we have in place a clear structure which will allow students to continue their studies from home. They are as follows:

- Online lessons will continue for the vast majority of subjects in students' normal allotted timetabled lessons. Students will be emailed by their teachers about these lessons taking place and we expect all students to engage with all of these lessons whilst they are self-isolating.
- These lessons may not be the full 50 minutes but work and tasks will be set for students to complete as they usually would in lessons.
- All work in lessons that is expected to be completed as well as homework, will be displayed on Show My Homework, so that students are 100% clear on what they need to do.
- Students should also check Google Classroom for any further details of the work to complete.

If you have any concerns about your child being able to access the work or online lessons, please do get in contact so that we can support them during this period of being off school. We hope that these steps that we have put in place will allow your child to keep up to date with their subjects and will allow for a smooth transition when they return on 23rd November 2020.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Year 10