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Temporary Closure to Specific Year Groups: Week beginning 23rd November.

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Ashfield School has been open to all year groups since September. We have adapted to every circumstance and kept going with the support of parents and the commendably mature attitude of students.

However, in the last week and in common with every school I know of we have seen a sudden and intense increase in teaching and support staff having to self-isolate.

I would reassure you that the overwhelming majority of self-isolation instances are not related to Covid-19 cases at Ashfield School but to a combination of factors connected with an increase in cases in wider society, increased testing and the domino effect of Contact and Tracing.

Unfortunately, we already know that we will have insufficient teaching and support staff in school to function safely at capacity next week.

Out of respect to parents, I would much rather take a decision and communicate it to you now than have to take a sudden decision over the weekend and leave you with little time to plan ahead.

Therefore, next week, certain year groups will be required to work from home on specific days.

Week Beginning: 23rd November
Monday: Year 13 work from home
Tuesday: Year 13 work from home
Wednesday: Year 10 work from home
Thursday: Year 9 work from home
Friday: Year 8 work from home

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If we need to extend this arrangement for a further week then the 'working from home' days for Year 10, 9 and 8 will remain the same to allow continuity.

We will continue to monitor the situation next week and I will communicate with you again next Friday 27th November.

Teachers will discuss the work to be completed at home with students in lessons next week. All work will be on Show My Homework and communicate with teachers through school emails as they did before during the March lockdown.

I would like to close by saying that this decision has not been taken lightly and I apologise to you for the inconvenience at what is a difficult time for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's pastoral year team.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

John Maher

(Headteacher)