

22nd March 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Update on partial closure for Wednesday 23rd March

Further to my recent communications, we have spent time again this morning looking at the staffing situation. Unfortunately, the picture is not improving. A number of staff who are self-isolating continue to return positive LFD tests or remain unwell. We have tried again to secure agency cover staff without any success. **Therefore, students in years 7 to 10 should remain at home on Wednesday 23rd March 2022.** Year 11 students should come into school as usual.

Students in years 7 to 10 will have work set for them via Class Charts. As is the case today, where staff are well enough and able to, we will offer live provision via Teams. Please ask your child to check Class Charts in the first instance and keep an eye out for Teams invites too.

Looking at the staffing situation for the rest of the week, I'm sorry to say that it is highly likely that we will have to continue to operate in this way, perhaps with a year group or two returning by the end of the week if staffing allows. However, we are genuinely trying to secure a position where we can do this sooner and so we will continue to update you daily.

Therefore, and as before please keep a continual eye on school communications. We will use Weduc in the main, with Class Charts announcements, the school website and Twitter as a backup.

We continue to follow advice and guidance given to us and are liaising with the DfE and West Berkshire representatives regularly. Thank you for your continued support whilst we deal with the situation.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School