

15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my recent emails, we continue to struggle to staff the curriculum at Kingsmead due to both seasonal flu and Covid-19.

Again, the total number of staff absent is more than the numbers required to teach an entire year group. Additional cover teachers via agency remain unavailable in the required quantities as other schools are experiencing similar staff shortages.

Therefore, I have determined that **Year 9** will complete remote education from home on **Monday 18th October 2021**. I will inform you by 12pm on Monday if Year 8 will need to remain at home on Tuesday 19th October 2021. I cannot make such a decision so far in advance, as the number of staff unwell can change in a relatively short period.

Remote work will be set via Firefly tasks for students at home. Live lessons cannot take place as teachers will be deployed to cover their absent colleagues. This is deeply regrettable and not a decision I take lightly, but when faced with a significant staffing shortage this is the only option available.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Williams
Head Teacher