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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Unfortunately, due to a number of positive COVID cases across all year groups in school, we have taken the decision to move to online remote education until Tuesday 13th July. **This will take effect from Tuesday 6th July.**

A return to in class lessons on Tuesday 13th July ensures that isolation periods of ten days are able to be completed (in line with Public Health England guidelines); the school is able to be deep cleaned; a circuit break of transmission in our school community can take place; and it is also the safest and most efficient way of ensuring that education provision can be maintained.

It will be helpful if all students can complete a lateral flow test before their return to classroom based lessons on Tuesday 13th July. Again, this is a protective measure to ensure that we are keeping the school community as safe as possible.

Please encourage your child to access their school email accounts on a daily basis as their class teachers will be sending them work and links to Zoom lessons.

This decision has been taken due to the number of cases that have been reported and confirmed and with the intention of ensuring we are doing all we can to protect the safety of our students and their families.

I appreciate that this decision will impact on and inconvenience some families, but it is our duty to respond and risk assess the effect of the growing number of cases in our community and to take the necessary action.

If your child accesses free school meals, you will receive a link to be able to access a voucher for the week ahead.

Today, we are operating as close to normal as possible, although we do have approximately 200 students self-isolating at home. If you feel that you would like to collect your child today as a precautionary measure, that is absolutely fine. Please phone and contact school reception if this is the case so that we can ensure your child is ready to leave with you.

We will be reviewing both the year 7 and 8 Normandy Park Camp plans and will write to you separately with regards to this.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support in what are extremely challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

K Rowlands
Headteacher