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Dear Parents and Carers

Staff Absence

I am writing to unfortunately let you know that staff absence during this COVID period has risen significantly over the past week or so. It has been our aim to continue to keep all students in school in this period since Christmas; however things have become very difficult recently with, at times, multiple classes needing to be supervised in the Hall. The situation has been made more difficult due to the fact that all schools are looking for external cover staff and therefore we cannot always find people to support us.

I always said this would be the last resort but we are now needing to look at the option of asking particular years groups to stay at home and to work remotely. You will understand my reluctance to move to this arrangement as we would like all students to be in school with us; however we may need to, in the days leading up to half term and beyond, put this in place. I will endeavour to give you as much warning as I can should this need to happen and we would look in the first instance not to do this for examination classes, Year 11 and Year 13, for the obvious reasons.

I would appreciate your understanding of this situation should the need arise. As I say, this will be as a last resort should we need to move to this way of working. I wanted to write and give you some advance warning as I know that this will cause inconvenience to everyone, for which I apologise.

Yours sincerely

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher