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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to recent communications about cases of Covid-19 in our school community, I am writing to update you, and to confirm further partial closures next week.

Headlines:

- Year 8 will engage in remote learning on Monday – Wednesday (7th – 9th December)
- Year 7 will engage in remote learning on Thursday and Friday (10th and 11th)
- At this time, we intend to have all other year groups will be in school, as normal

Please note that if you receive, or have received a personal contact from us, for example about the need for your child to self-isolate at home, please follow those instructions and ignore blanket messages about your child's year group.

Unfortunately, as I have explained before, cases of Covid-19 amongst staff have a huge impact. As well as the obvious worry about their health and wellbeing, colleagues who work closely with them then also are required to self-isolate. Therefore, even with stringent care, staff absence is building up.

We continue to do absolutely everything we can to remain open and provide a quality education. However, the safe running of the school has always been my stated first priority and, from the perspective of the safety and well-being of both our students and our staff, we feel that we have no choice but to limit the numbers of students on site, according to the staffing available. Therefore, during these winter months, I ask the community to bear in mind that disruption to our full opening is also likely during the last week of term. Hopefully the Christmas closure will allow the time for our spike to die down again.

Please forgive me for reminding you that when your child is engaged in remote learning during these challenging times, they are expected and required to stay at home all day and to engage with the work that is prepared for them. We fully understand the pressures that these arrangements cause to our families, but please ensure that your child is at home during these remote learning days. The Government require us to provide 4 hours a day of remote learning; we provide a minimum of 5.

Yet again, I cannot thank the community enough for their support of the school in recent months.

Yours faithfully

Mr A McGinnes

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamsschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

