Striving for Excellence

20th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance at school during lockdown

Increasingly, our number of pupils in school is growing. In order to maintain some degree of social distancing, we already have three classes of year 7s.

It is important that we regularly review and ensure that the pupils who are attending school do fulfil the Government criteria of:

- Pupil of a critical worker
- Pupil with specific SEND needs including those with EHCPs
- Vulnerable pupil we have invited these pupils to attend school

We wish to limit the numbers in school as much as possible so that we can ensure we are playing our role in the current national priority of limiting the mixing of people outside the home. In some cases, we have found that once a pupil has learned to access their lessons through teams, they feel sufficiently confident to work independently and therefore at home.

With all this in mind, please can I respectfully request you ensure your son/daughter is attending school only when it is necessary in order for you to fulfil your working requirements. In the case of pupils attending parttime in accordance with when you are working, this is preferable and no problem for us. Please let us know the days they will need to attend if these are already pre-arranged with your work place.

I appreciate these are difficult times for everyone and whilst, in an ideal world, we would have everyone in school, we must currently put pupil and staff health and safety first and ensure we are doing all we can to limit social mixing. If you have any issues with accessing the remote learning, please contact Mr Pritchard in the first instance.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Christopher Senior Assistant Head

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