



7th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Emergency COVID Contingency Arrangements (Latest Update) – February 2022

Following the weekend I have received notification of further Covid cases among staff and also that some staff currently self-isolating are still testing positive and therefore unable to return to school yet, in line with the government guidance. In order to afford parents a degree of certainty for the days ahead, I am writing to set out our plans up to and including Wednesday 9th February.

Arrangements for Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th February inclusive are as follows:

Years 7 & 8

Students in Years 7 & 8 will continue with remote learning where staff will be providing a combination of learning resources and 'live' lessons for the day. Where possible, Form Tutors will run a 'live' registration at 8.30am and it is expected that all students will log on. Please read our guidance for this on the school website [here](#).

The school will continue to offer provision for the children of COVID19 critical workers and those children identified as 'vulnerable' due to having an EHCP or an allocated social worker. If you require a place in school for your child for these reasons, please email your request to schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk. Your child should then attend as normal, reporting to their form room at the usual time.

Year 9

Students in Year 9 will work remotely on Tuesday 8th February and Wednesday 9th February.

However, all children in Year 9 should attend school in person wearing full school uniform for one hour from gam on Wednesday 9th February in order to have a session to help them prepare for their Pathways choices for GCSE courses ahead of the parents' evening that evening. Year 9 should arrive in school no earlier than 8.30am and wait on the yard ready for a gam start in the main hall.

Year 9 will then return home at 10am when the session is finished to continue with their remote learning.

Reminder: Year 9 Parents' Evening will run online on Wednesday evening from 4.15pm to 7.15pm. Please make appointments online as soon as possible following the guidance sent separately to all Year 9 parents and carers.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

As examination year groups, we have prioritised face-to-face learning for Year 10 , Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 as far as we are able to do so, and therefore they should attend as normal.

Free School Meals

Vouchers for all pupils working remotely who are entitled to a free school meal are being purchased and will be shared with families at the earliest opportunity. This includes all children who have previously been self-isolating.

Once again, I would like to reiterate that remote learning is the last thing we want for any child following two years of disruption. However, I hope all parents and carers appreciate that I have no choice in the matter given the scale of staff absence I'm currently contending with.

I will review the situation over the next two days and update parents about arrangements from Thursday 10th onwards at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Jon Bush, Principal