

Sponne School

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Monday 16th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Partial Closure due to Coronavirus

I am writing to inform you that I have had to take the decision to partially close the school from tomorrow morning, Tuesday 17th November 2020. I am really sorry to have to do this but this morning two members of the teaching staff were notified that they had tested positive for coronavirus and this has led to an additional 6 members of staff being tracked and traced and so having to isolate at home for the next two weeks. We also have a number of other teaching staff self-isolating because of positive tests of family members or having been tracked and traced outside of school.

As a consequence we cannot now staff all the lessons at school if all year groups continue to attend. The school will therefore remain open for Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 but will be **closed for students in Years 8 and 9 for at least the remainder of this week**. Teachers will set work for students to complete at home using the Google classroom and where possible will invite their classes to live lessons. Students will continue to follow their normal school timetable during this period of remote learning. However, some teachers will be needed at school to cover for those who are having to self-isolate and if this is the case they may not be available 'live' during their scheduled lesson with Year 8 and/or 9. If this is the case work will be set and teachers will catch up with this once they are available.

If your son/daughter has any difficulties gaining access to the internet at home can you let me know immediately and we will try to find a device that they can loan.

Please be reassured that there are no indications that any students need to be self-isolating following these positive cases due to the control measures that we have in place for staff. Can I also remind you that it is vital that we continue to wear face coverings at school and maintain social distance from others who are not in our bubbles or households.

I will be in contact again on Friday to update you about any plans for next week but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any other queries.

Yours sincerely

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