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Dear Parents/Carers

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that we have made the decision to close year groups. The reason for this decision is due to the excessive numbers of staff absence and the rising numbers of covid amongst students. Staff coverage and availability of external cover is exceptionally low and whilst we have tried to cover everything within school, this is not sustainable.

We have discussed tonight as a Leadership Team, the impact on each year group and whilst this is not a decision that we wanted to make, we have decided that Year 11 students will complete their Skills For Life Day on Wednesday 23rd March, remotely. We will expect all Year 11 students back on Thursday 24th March. Students will be given a revised plan of the day tomorrow. Out of all the year groups, Year 11 Skills For Life Day can effectively be completed from home with live input, whereas other year groups would benefit from face to face teaching due to the nature of their content.

Year 9 students will complete remote learning from home on Thursday 24th March. We will expect all Year 9 students back on Friday 25th March. All lessons will be set on Satchel One to ensure that the students receive their current subject content so that they remain within sequence of their learning journeys.

Year 7 students will complete remote learning from home on Friday 25th March. We will expect all Year 7 students back on Monday 28th March. All lessons will be set on Satchel One to ensure that the students receive their current subject content so that they remain within sequence of their learning journeys.

Unfortunately, we cannot commit to teaching live lessons as teaching staff will be used to cover other absent teachers.

No homework tasks will be set for these year groups on these days, but the expectation is that they complete the tasks set on Satchel One ready for their next lesson.

We will review the situation on Friday and if we need to take further action, I will write to you to explain those actions.

Please note that as in my previous letter, you no longer need to ring into school if your child/young person is absent. Please do email us at RTS@rwba.org.uk with your child/young person's name, Tutor Group, your contact details and the reason for absence. Should we need to contact you further, or if you wish to discuss the absence further, please do contact the Year Team.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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