



Monday, 02 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the latest announcement from the Government, I wanted to assure you that it remains our intention to keep Hazel Wood High School open and operating safely throughout the second lockdown period.

However, I must consider the impact caused by rising levels of staff absence which are due to confirmed/suspected COVID 19 cases, and staff requirements to self-isolate. This absence affects how we can safely educate and safeguard our pupils. It is therefore, with regret, that we advise of the following measures we must implement with immediate effect:

From Tuesday 3rd November, Hazel Wood High School will close to one year group, per week, for the remainder of this term.

We believe that this approach will allow staff to put into place blended learning for those pupils who will be asked to learn from home. By not having one year group in school, per week, we will also increase capacity within school for staff to cover lessons, if needed, for those pupils who remain in school. By having staff in school who know our pupils, we can continue to deliver quality teaching and ensure that safety, standards and values are not compromised due to staff absence.

We propose that the following year groups will be asked to remain at home for the following dates:

Week Commencing	Year Group to Remain at Home
Monday 2 nd November (to begin on Tuesday 3 rd Nov)	Year 7
Monday 9 th November	Year 8
Monday 16 th November	Year 9
Monday 23 rd November	Year 10
Monday 30 th November	Year 11
Monday 7 th December	Year 7
Monday 14 th December	Year 8

What this means for your child

Should your child be eligible for free school meals we will arrange with our canteen to provide a grocery bag for the week. This will contain food items for your child to cover the five days that they will not be in school. We will contact those families who are eligible, directly, regarding this.

Work to complete for your child will be sent to their school email address. Should you need ICT equipment, school will endeavour to arrange this for your child to allow them to be able to participate in remote learning online.

The ICT equipment will be on loan for the week that your child is asked to learn from home. It is **essential** that this is returned to school promptly on the Friday afternoon to allow for equipment to be cleaned ahead of another child being allocated this to use the following week.



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Please be reassured that all decisions will be taken in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of our students and the wider school community. We will not change the above timetable without telling you first. Should we be advised of any additional cases of COVID 19 at Hazel Wood High School, we will liaise with the relevant services and identify those pupils who may need to stay at home.

Should you have any concerns, or situations that affect our proposals please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greenhalgh".

Mr P. Greenhalgh
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