

10th December 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Year 9 remote learning: Friday 11th December - Friday 18th December

As you will be aware the number of cases of Covid-19 in Luton continue to increase. We have been implementing numerous measures in school to safeguard all members of our school community from the transmission of the virus. However, Stopsley High School are currently facing unique pressures due to the level of staff absence.

When staff are absent, their lessons are 'covered' by a combination of existing teaching staff, (using their non-contact period), Senior Leaders and Support Staff. We have also employed the services of several external supply workers. This situation is not sustainable and is drawing staff away from the essential work of running the school, delivering high quality provision and keeping everyone safe, a challenge which is already extremely difficult in the current circumstances.

Therefore, it is with regret that the decision has been made to close the school to Year 9. This decision has not been made lightly. We have carefully considered the impact it would have on those students and the impact of having so many cover lessons has had on them too. In order to ensure we can safeguard those children onsite and safely deliver the curriculum, with appropriate student to teacher ratios, Year 9 will instead be provided with work to complete from home following the Remote Learning guidance on the school website. Specifically, students should check Satchel One daily and engage with the bespoke tasks set by each curriculum area. Teaching staff will proactively check for communications from students and assist students with their learning where necessary.

Where there are computer or internet issues, we will work with you to provide alternatives. Please make contact with your child's allocated pastoral team if this is the case for you.

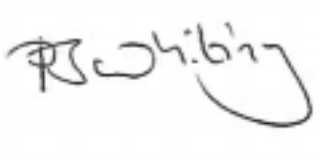
Remember if your child is having any difficulties with accessing the work you can:

- Access the Student Survival guide on the website under the Information tab, which has all the links they will need to the different platforms
- Messages can be sent directly to the class teacher on Satchel One (Show My Homework)
- If they need their password reset they need to email:
studentitsupport@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk

If you or your child need to speak to someone at the school, unrelated to their lessons, they can email the pastoral team who will be more than happy to help.

To clarify this decision is not in relation to a confirmed positive case in your child's year group and therefore there is no expectation for them or members of the household to self isolate. However, they should remain at home during school hours and engage with the work being set by their teachers. If however, your child tests positive for Covid-19 before the end of term, please contact attendance@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk with your child's details so that we can telephone you and record all the necessary information to share with Public Health Luton.

Yours sincerely,

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Pam Whiting
Deputy Headteacher

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Karen Hand
Deputy Headteacher