



Tuesday 17th November 2020

Dear Year 8 parents and carers,

Further to the text message you received yesterday, details for remote learning are contained within this letter.

You will likely be aware of high levels of staff absence last week which resulted in many lessons requiring cover. This level of staff absence is because some staff have received direction to self-isolate as a result of contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. I wrote last week with a reminder for all parents and carers on the rules for self-isolation and the circumstances under which pupils must not attend school. A reminder, pupils must not attend school if:

1. they have symptoms of COVID-19
2. anyone in the household has symptoms of COVID-19
3. they have been notified as a contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
4. they have taken a test or a test has been booked for themselves or a member of the household

If your child or anyone in the household is awaiting a COVID test result, your child must not attend school.

Over the weekend, we received notification of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at DEC which has unfortunately resulted in more staff now having to self-isolate. The level of cover required now surpasses the capacity we have in school and we have made the difficult decision to move Year 8 over to remote learning for two days, meaning they will not be in school on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. Instead, pupils should follow their normal timetabled lessons by accessing the Remote Learning package on our website by clicking the button on the top right hand side of the website homepage. The lessons within match what pupils would have been studying in school. We ask that all parents/ carers put suitable routines and expectations into place so that Year 8 can complete all of their school work successfully over the two days.

Year 8 will return to school as normal, at 8:40am on Friday 20th November.

Please note, if you have received a separate letter to notify you that your child is a confirmed contact of the recent positive case we were notified of on Sunday 15th November, please ensure the guidance contained within that letter is followed.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Head of House in the usual ways:

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| Durham House – Mr James | g.james@decschool.co.uk |
| Exeter House – Mr Hanson | r.hanson@decschool.co.uk |
| Warwick House – Mr Joss | m.joss@decschool.co.uk |
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Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Dunn
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