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Staff/Parent/Student Briefing Re: contingency measures

To all the members of our school community,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of further contingency plans we have made and may need to implement in the coming weeks. The plans outlined here will cover the period up to January 28th. If necessary, a further plan will issue then.

We are faced with a crisis relating to substitute teacher availability. We are working to source substitute teachers and have made some progress in the last few days. A number of teachers who were absent in the last two days are expected to return to work over the coming days. We do not know how many teachers may become unavailable for work in the coming days.

We are cautiously optimistic that, despite needing to leave a year group at home on each of the first two days of term, we will be in a better position in the days ahead (we had similar contingency plans in place before Christmas which we did not need to implement). In order to safeguard tuition time to the greatest extent possible we have decided to cancel a scheduled school closure on Jan 18th for staff training: school will now operate as normal on that date.

Our contingency plans for the rest of January will allow us to safely operate the school with appropriate supervision in place for all students attending. **If necessary**, this plan will involve alternately requiring year groups to stay at home to free up teachers to cover classes. Our circumstances remain volatile and unpredictable. As the month progresses our difficulties may ease, or they may worsen. Please monitor your work email (for staff) and our text messaging/social media channels/website (for students and parents) for updates. We will notify you of any contingency measures we have to implement the next school day with a social media post and a text message to parents by 8pm the previous evening. **If you do not hear from us, your child should come to school as usual (unless prohibited from doing so by Covid-19 precautions, eg. have symptoms or are a close contact).**

Our contingency schedule for leaving year groups at home, **if necessary**, is as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th -7 th January				Second Years	First Years
10 th -14 th January	TY	Third Years	Fifth Years (incl. LCA I)	First Years	Second Years
17 th -21 st January	Fifth Years (Incl. LCAI)	First Years	Second Years	TY	Third Years
24 th - 28 th January	Second Years	Fifth Years (incl LCAI)	First Years	Third Years	TY

Parents and students are reminded that teachers attending for work will be engaged in covering other classes so it will not be possible for remote learning to be provided for the year groups who are left at home on particular days. Teachers will, as far as possible, set work for year groups left at home

I regret that we are in a position such as this; I hope you will understand that it is beyond our control, and we would not make these plans if we didn't feel they were needed in order to safely operate our school. We also feel it will be helpful for our school community to have advance notice of these potential measures.

I urge all of you to continue to fully observe and comply with all the current protocols, regulations and restrictions. Each small thing each one of us does to minimise the risk of the virus spreading will collectively keep all of us safe and well. **Most importantly, it is vital that students/staff who have symptoms, who are close contacts of household cases, or who themselves have positive test results (either antigen or PCR) must not attend school.**

Stay safe.

Sincerely,



Paul Glynn, Principal