



23 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 9 Remote Learning on Friday 25.03.22

Year 8 Remote Learning on Monday 28.03.22

Further to my communication on 18 March, I am writing to inform you that because of our high staff absence rates:

- all students in Year 9 will be required to work from home on Friday 25 March 2022; and
- all students in Year 8 will be required to work from home on Monday 28 March 2022.

All work for students at home will be set on Google Classroom. No live lessons will take place, as staff will be covering other colleagues' lessons. Please support your child in accessing the remote online learning that we will be providing via Google Classroom. There are some Tutorial Videos available on [the Learning Portal](#) that are accessible via the College website.

Currently, as there are over 35 members of staff absent (which equates to approximately 20% of our staff), the majority of which are Covid-19 related, we are unable to cover all the classes internally. Unfortunately, there is also a shortage of staff available from supply agencies.

For your information, several other schools in Cornwall have taken this difficult decision in recent weeks as a result of their own similar staffing absence.

The school is regularly in contact with Public Health England to discuss the high levels of Covid rates within the College.

If any student is unable to access their Google Classroom, they should email their year group Pastoral Support Assistant, the details of which are on our website "HCC Staff Directory" page here: [Pastoral Support Assistants](#)

It is regrettable, but it is in the safeguarding interests of the students that this decision has been made.

The current expectation is that all students will be learning on site on Tuesday 29 March 2022. However, we will continue to assess the situation on a daily basis and update parents and carers via email and on the website should this change.

Yours faithfully

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