

25 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

You have seen the reports of increasing COVID infection rates across the country in the news, which have already resulted in some part and full closures to year groups in schools. We have opened this week and are already running a skeleton staff across certain parts of the school and outsourcing supply staff to keep us fully open.

The current staffing issues here and with supply agencies are now forcing us to make the difficult decision to move Year 9 teaching from face to face in school, to remote learning from home from Monday 28th March for 3 days until Wednesday 30th March. We can only apologise for the inconvenience that this causes our students and families.

Ensuring that our year 9 students receive quality education while working remotely is our priority and so we have prepared paper resources for the core subjects (English and Maths). We have given every student a resource booklet to work on from Monday 28th March. We expect students to be up and ready to learn for the start of day at 8.45 am. Extra work can be done on Seneca Learning for all subjects, Educate for Science and Geography and Hegarty Maths.

Furthermore, students can find additional resources and tasks to complete for the duration of the school day in the Remote Learning section on the school website (www.dixons.com/about/remote-learning).

Contact will be made with your child during this period from their Advisory Tutor to identify if any additional support is required. A register of students' attendance to lessons will be taken based on the submission of work for each lesson. This will be monitored by the Advisory Tutors, Head of Year and Attendance Team at the academy. We will be in contact with any student who does not engage with the work to offer support if needed.

There will be some students in Year 9 that we will continue to offer on-site provision for, and these will be those with an EHCP or Social Care involvement. Mrs Leftwick will be in contact with these families. These students will work through the same work set to those at home to provide an equitable curriculum offer to all students over the next 3 days.

It is vital that our students keep working remotely so that we can help our children climb mountains to university or a real equivalent, thrive in a top job and live their best life.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their ongoing support during what is a turbulent time.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Yours faithfully,



Miss P Jones
Vice Principal – Quality of Education

