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Dear Parent/Carer

As you have been previously informed, we are experiencing increasing cases of Covid19. Our cases have doubled in the last 3 days, especially in Year 8 and Year 10. We currently have over half of each year group isolating due to positive cases and we have been informed today of further cases. Therefore, following further advice and guidance from Public Health England, we are closing the Year 8 and Year 10 bubbles until Wednesday 7 July 2021. **Students should return to school on Thursday 8 July 2021.** We are still in the process of track and trace and in some cases students will need to return at a later date, you will be contacted separately with the return date if appropriate. We have been advised that this circuit breaker is our safest option and the most effective way to limited transmission. The other year groups will remain open.

We have been advised by Public Health England to share the following information, as it is vital at this time we are adhering to the following:

- When isolating, students must stay indoors and are only permitted into a garden/immediate outside area
- Students must not mix outside of school, despite being in the same bubble in school
- Students must remain in their family bubble when isolating

Please continue to frequently test your child, under supervision, using the lateral flow test and inform school immediately if the test is positive. This is absolutely essential as we are currently working with South Tyneside Public Health Team and the Local Authority.

Our Remote Learning Plan will begin for all Year 8 and Year 10 students from Thursday 1 July 2021. Students will be expected to complete and submit all work set by all subject teachers. Students will be able to access work by Show My Homework.

This decision has been made as an absolute last resort. Our intention has always been to remain open at all times and give the best possible education provision to our students. However, student and staff safety is of paramount importance in this increased transmission period.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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