

16 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students

There are currently four active Covid-19 cases in Year 10 and over two-thirds of the cohort have now been asked to self-isolate.

As a consequence, we will be unable to welcome Year 10 students back for the last three days of term next week. Instead we will continue to offer live lessons over Teams on Monday. For the other year groups, Tuesday is Sports Day and Wednesday is an early finish day with extended tutor period so staff will be unavailable to deliver live lessons. Instead we ask students to make a start on their summer holiday homework which they will find on Go 4 Schools.

To clarify:

- Students identified as being in close contact with someone who had tested positive have received a text message – please follow the self-isolation guidance provided. Please observe the date on the text message at which point students can stop isolating.
- ALL other Year 10 students – these students are not subject to NHS Test and Trace guidelines unless Test and Trace has contacted them directly.

For students who have to this point not been identified as a contact, we are able to offer a small in college provision for vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. If you would like to request a place on this provision, please contact us on enquiries@springwellcc.org.

I would suggest that all Year 10 students do lateral flow tests daily until Friday 23 July to ensure that they are not carrying the virus without symptoms and unknowingly transmitting it to others. Additional test kits can be collected free of charge from chemists and can be ordered online, again free of charge via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

I am sorry that the academic year has ended this way for Year 10 but I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing break and we look forward to welcoming them back as Year 11 students in September.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher