

Monday, 19 July 2021

Year 8 Remote Learning Programme

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, regrettably, we have had a few confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the Year 8 bubble. We have conducted our track and trace procedure to identify close contacts of the positive cases. These students must self-isolate under the DFE national guidance. A separate letter has been sent to those affected.

In conjunction with governors, we have taken the decision that it is in the best interests of students, staff and the wider community if Year 8 students work remotely from home from tomorrow, Tuesday 20th July through to Friday 23rd July inclusive.

This decision has not been taken lightly, and is to prevent the need for students in Year 8 to have to self-isolate at the start of the summer holiday and in order that all students can be taught cohesively online until their final day. If your child is already self-isolating, they will have a date which confirms the end of the isolation period.

We are aware of a small number of students who may not have access to a device at home and we have a small contingency available; we will prioritise students who are eligible according to the DFE criteria.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are following government guidance.

This year continues to be very challenging for staff, families and for schools. COVID-19 has meant disruption to student's education and significant changes to how we are running the school. Staff and students continue to do exceptionally well in adapting to the changes.

Please look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child whilst they are at home (a high temperature, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell). If your child does develop symptoms, we would strongly advise you to get a test as soon as they are symptomatic. Tests are available online from <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk or by calling the school on 0208 422 4675.

A number of schools are currently dealing with positive Covid-19 cases; I understand that the situation may cause some anxiety. I trust that you will support this decision and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the pandemic. It is very important that we continue to work together as partners – your child's Head of Year and the team of form tutors are here to help in any way they can.

Please remember to look at our website to see information on our dedicated Covid-19 page. ([Covid-19 page on website.](#))

Yours sincerely,



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