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Dear Parent / Carer

Year 12 students to remain at home 7<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> October

I am writing to inform you that regrettably I have taken the decision to close the school to Year 12 students for the rest of this week and most of the following week (7<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> October). This is due to 4 confirmed Covid-19 cases amongst students in Year 12.

I can assure you that this has not been an easy decision to make and I would like to share the reasons behind it with you:

- We have already had to send over 50 students in Year 12 home as close contacts of the positive cases and further cases are a possibility.
- Remaining at home for this period could protect further Year 12 students from having the virus.
- We also have a number of staff who are absent for reasons related to Covid-19.

#### Online Learning:

While at home, students should continue to study. Instructions on how to do this are as follows:

As far as possible, teachers will use Microsoft Teams to deliver live lessons, at the time at which students would have had their lesson. In some cases this will not be possible because of staff absence or where we have to use them to cover classes for younger students who are still in school. It may be that where teachers have 2 classes in the same subject that the same lesson will be used for both classes. Some work is therefore likely to be set on MILK, and may include PowerPoints with teacher instructions. Links to Microsoft Teams lessons will normally be sent via MILK.

Where resources are stored in Foldr then students should access this at [www.abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk](http://www.abbeygrangeacademy.co.uk) where there is a link on the homepage. Students use their IT username and password to login.

I know that this news is far from ideal but we will do all we can to support you and your child through these extraordinary times.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully  
Mr J Norden  
Principal

