



7th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Covid-19 update for Year 11

I write today to advise you of further temporary changes to our school, from 8th – 11th December inclusive. You will already be aware of the current challenges we are facing due to staff shortages cause by COVID-19. Over the weekend, we have been made aware of further positive cases and thus an increase in the number of staff and students in Year 11 having to self-isolate as a result of this.

From 8th – 11th December inclusive, Year 11 will move to a remote learning system. It is important that Year 11 switch to our digital learning strategy. Students in this case are required to attend all their lessons – including morning registration, which is a vital welfare check. Students will log onto Microsoft Teams during their normal allocated lesson times to receive work from their subject teachers. Physical work packs will be available for students without digital access; please contact the school to collect these.

VULNERABLE STUDENTS AND CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS PROVISION:

For our most vulnerable students and the children of Key Workers in Year 11, we would like to offer the opportunity to continue attending school. To do this we will create a new independent 'bubble' that will contain these students from the year groups who are learning remotely.

We would ask that parents provide 24 hours' notice of their intention to use this provision. Please contact office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk if you wish your child to use this provision.

These measures are necessary to continue protecting the school community and enable us to safely manage staff levels whilst fulfilling our commitment to delivering the school curriculum to the highest standard.

My team and I understand and empathise with the challenges this may present, but please be assured that we will be doing everything that we can to support your families with this change.

We will be undertaking daily capacity reviews to ensure that Year 11 students are able to return to school at the earliest opportunity. I will be sending a letter to all parents on Friday 11th December, outlining learning arrangements for the final week of term. We will continue working with our Trust, the Local Authority and Public Health England to ensure we are going beyond to keep everyone safe.

We are committed to regular communication with parents so please keep checking our usual channels, including MyEd, letter, our website and social media, and your emails.



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You should not send your child to school if anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, waiting for a test or test result. Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell and if you are unsure please call 111 for advice.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during these challenging times.

Ms M Gage
Principal



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