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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Year 10 on home learning Monday, 17 and Tuesday, 18 January 2022

As COVID-19 continues to affect our community, this afternoon I initiated the school's COVID-19 contingency plan. The Year 10 group is to be stood down and revert to home learning for two full working days (Monday, 17 January and Tuesday, 18 January 2022.) I am hoping the students can return to the classroom on Wednesday, 19 January. The situation will be reviewed on Tuesday, 18 January and I will contact you on that day.

We have had to take this very difficult decision because we have a number of our school staff who are either self-isolating, are ill themselves or are waiting for COVID-19 test results. This means we do not have enough teachers and staff in school to be able to offer all year groups classroom teaching. This is a very difficult decision that has been made after a great deal of consideration and in consultation with governors and the local authority in the interest of keeping your child as safe as possible whilst they continue to learn.

I would like to reassure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows government and local authority guidance for cleaning and social distancing, including the wearing of face coverings (unless exempt) by students and staff, and ensuring rooms are well ventilated. Despite this, our staffing levels have reached a point that it is not possible to have all our students in school. This is a short-term measure until staffing levels increase, the number of staff able to attend school changes every day and we are keeping a close watch on the situation.

When making this decision, we have been guided by the following principles:

- Ensuring students and staff are as safe as possible
- Maximising the number of students in school
- Minimising the impact on our students' learning

As per our home learning policy, students should follow their normal timetable. Work will be set for each subject on Class Charts as per their timetable. Lessons will be on-demand with a form of directed teacher instruction where possible, this will be recorded using a platform such as Loom. To supplement this, students can use their home learning booklets accessed via the school website. Physical copies to be requested via the school office.

I wish to remind Year 10 students that they are preparing for their Mock RE exam which has currently been rescheduled to Wednesday, 19 January and should be revising 'Issues of Human Rights and Issues of



Relationships'. There is a digital revision booklet on Class Charts for Year 10 students to be using for revision. The links will take them to an interactive recorded lesson that will cover specific RE topics.

Topics to focus on in preparation are:

- Religious views on marriage and marriage ceremonies
- Religious views on Divorce
- Types of poverty
- Religious charities that aid poverty
- Religious views on Racism
- Religious views on wealth

The East Riding Schools' Pandemic Support Team have recommended that all students continue to test with a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) twice weekly and remain vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

The three main symptoms of Covid-19 are:

- A new and continuous cough
- High Temperature
- Loss or change in sense of taste or smell

We recognise that in our current context where there can be variations of who should / should not self-isolate is complex and making the right decision for your child in terms of their attendance is challenging. As ever we are keen to support you so if you are unsure or need some advice please do telephone the school on 01262 672593 or email office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk and we will do all we can to help.

We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe in school, so we ask you to do the same when you are out and about. It is strongly advised that you and your families take care if visiting vulnerable individuals or attending large events or gatherings.

We will now start the home learning programme with Year 10 in line with our protocol. Students will be using their home learning booklets. These are also available on the Home Learning tab of the website. Lessons and tasks will be set on Class Charts by class teachers and students can interact with their class teacher on Class Charts. Should you have any problems accessing the home learning please contact the year team or office@bridlingtonschool.org.uk.

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is extremely important to us and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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