



Tuesday 13 July 2021

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to update you on the current challenges facing the school in relation to COVID-19. As you may be aware the DELTA variant of the disease has been on the rise in the locality. This is leading to significant numbers of students having to self-isolate for a period of 10 days as well as impacting on school staffing levels.

As of yesterday, we were operating on a reduced staffing level and unable to acquire further supply staff due to unprecedented demand. The health and safety of all members of the school community is our main priority and so it is with regret that the school must once again revert to our contingency plans around home-schooling. The decision the school is taking is supported by our Trust, the local authority and Public Health England. From Wednesday 14th July we are asking students in year 10, who are not already self-isolating, to stay at home up to and including Wednesday 21st July. It is with regret that this means that students in year 10 will now not return to school until September along with the students who were sent home isolating.

From Wednesday 14th July our plans for remote education will come into effect again for year 10. Students will access learning through Google Classroom. <https://speters.org.uk/home-learning/>

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you will receive vouchers. Should your child require the loan of a school Chromebook, please email your request to kglover@speters.org.uk

As always, our commitment to the childcare of key workers will remain in place. Please complete the form which can be found under the Remote Learning tab on the school website.

Today we have created additional spaces for year 10 to take part in our Summer School. Please see the school website for further details.

Once again, I apologise for the disruption that this may cause, but please be assured that it is not taken lightly. It is important that we continue to put the safety and well-being of all members of our school community first.

As always, I thank you for your continued support and understanding in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully,

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