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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware the number of Covid cases in the local community has in the last week increased and as this week has progressed, we have had more and more staff and students having to self-isolate. We have at all times closely followed the guidance and direction given by the DFE and Public Health England and have done all we can throughout to minimise the risk of transmission in school.

As well as being directed by the DFE, we also have to follow the direction given by test and trace, which has resulted in several more staff having to self-isolate this week. Unfortunately, as a result of the number of staff having to self-isolate next week, we have reached a point where we are unable to remain operationally open to all year groups. We have taken advice and are therefore asking that Year 9 stay at home for the week next week and access their learning remotely. All lessons will be set on ClassCharts and we are supporting those students who do not yet have access to devices or the internet. We expect all Year 9 students to complete all their work for all lessons next week.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we will be calling you to ask whether you would like a meal delivering.

We have not taken this decision lightly and all other options have been explored. We know that remote learning from home is not ideal, however our remote learning has proven successful with those students who have had to isolate throughout the term, and we expect Year 9 to be just as successful.

The expectation is very much that all Year 9 students are back in the Academy on Monday 30 November. All other year groups should attend normally.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing understanding and support during a very difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Strong'.

**Mrs M Strong**  
Principal