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Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Distance learning for Years 8,9 and 10

Unfortunately, we have to announce the temporary move to distance learning at Church Stretton School for some year groups. This is after a careful review of the school's current situation with regard to staff absence (Covid19- and non-Covid-19) and infection rates and patterns in the wider school population, where we have a high and rising number of students and staff with positive PCR result.

I am writing to let you know that due to staff absence and therefore difficulty to safely deliver face to face teaching for all year groups in school, we have made the decision to implement a partial school closure, where infection rates are highest. Therefore, from tomorrow (6th October) students in years **8,9 and 10** will be required to work from home and access their learning through Microsoft Teams / Go4Schools. Please be aware that where staff are absent unwell, work will not be set via Teams and therefore students should access work through the Oak National Academy website. Years 7 and 11 students should still attend school as normal, due to them having the lowest number of cases in these year groups.

The change will be put into effect from tomorrow, Wednesday 6th October and will run until the end of the day on Monday 11th October. All students will be expected back in school for face-to-face learning on **Tuesday 12th October**. We will of course keep this under review and will update you if there are any further changes.

We are making separate provision for those students classed as vulnerable. School will contact these parents individually. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will receive their lunch if they are in school and for those who are not attending school, parents can contact reception by 10am to request a packed lunch that will need to be collected at 12.30pm from reception.

It is important that students continue to use the lateral flow tests at home and inform school of any positive results. If possible, students should not mix when out of school to help reduce the risk of infection spread.

We thank you for your continued support during these difficult times

Kind regards,

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