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Dear Parents and Carers

**WEEK COMMENCING 7 DECEMBER 2020**

**YEAR 7, 8, 11, 12 AND 13 ARE TO ATTEND SCHOOL NEXT WEEK**

**YEAR 9 AND 10 TO REMAIN AT HOME AND ENGAGE WITH REMOTE/ONLINE LEARNING**

This week it has been fantastic to see Year 7, 8 and 9 in school again. Their energy and laughter had been very much missed, and it's been wonderful for all staff to see these year groups creating a buzz around the school and engaging well with learning in their classrooms.

If only we could be open to all year groups!

Although we are seeing an improving situation with staffing levels and, thankfully, fewer people are being asked to self-isolate, we are envisaging next week to be challenging again. Once more, we must ensure that the health and safety of everyone comes first.

Therefore, next week, we would like all Year 11 back in school, and we ask that Year 9 and 10 remain at home and engage with remote/online learning.

We trust that you will understand the importance of prioritising Year 11 and getting them back in front of their teachers, as this is a crucial time in preparing for GCSEs. Many of our Year 11 students are required to sit real examinations in January, and teachers are anxious to give them every bit of support they possibly can before Christmas.

This 'on and off' approach to managing the Covid situation is incredibly frustrating and difficult for all of us, and I cannot tell you how much your support and positivity has been appreciated by us.

Our focus is always on doing the very best we can for the children we serve, and we very much look forward to a point where things are much closer to normal.

Thank you again for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Y Peden', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ms Y Peden  
Headteacher