

Dear Parent/Carer

Provision for Thursday 15 and Friday 16 July 2021

Further to my letter of 12 July and email of 13 July 2021, I regret to inform you that our staffing levels continue to be significantly reduced given NHS Test and Trace self-isolation requirements. Twelve teaching staff and 8 support staff are currently self-isolating and, although we have been able to secure some cover teachers, there are not enough available in the area given how many schools are in a similar position to ourselves. We cannot, therefore, continue our normal Kingsmead provision. We intend to take the following actions to ensure we have sufficient student-teacher ratios for safe operation of the school.

- On Thursday 15 July 2021 all **Year 8** students should remain at home and complete remote education but return to site the following day.
- On Friday 16 July 2021 all **Year 9** students should remain at home and complete remote education, returning to site on Monday 19 July 2021.
- Provision for **all other years** remains unchanged.
- **Sports Day**, planned for Thursday 15 July 2021, has been rearranged to Friday 23 July. Year 10 students, who are on Work Experience during the week beginning 19 July, will compete in September 2021. Details will be released nearer the time.

All students who are working from home should follow their usual school timetable and complete remote work set via Firefly tasks from their subject teachers. These tasks should occupy students for the normal lesson duration and will follow the existing topics of study in each subject. This regrettable decision has not been taken lightly and has been made following discussion with the Chair of Governors. I will communicate with all parents/carers on Friday should we need to make adjustments to provision on Monday 19 July 2021.

Yours faithfully



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