



14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

As many of you will already know we have increasing levels of Covid cases at school at the moment which has been affected by a significant prevalence of the virus from the community within and outside of Lord Grey. We have seen a rapid increase in cases for staff and students for isolation as well as testing positive this week and this has now reached significant staffing levels which have affected the operation of Lord Grey. As a result, we have taken the decision to move Years 7-10 to remote education starting from tomorrow until the end of term.

We realise that this is not an ideal situation but we feel that the safety of students and staff needs to be our highest priority.

Students in Years 7 and 9 will continue with some live lessons and access to resources on Lord Grey Virtual School for Thursday and Friday this week. Years 8 and 10 will have access to all the resources on Lord Grey Virtual School whilst we plan the timetable of their Live Lessons for next week. Remote Education and a blend of live lessons and teacher inputs will continue until the end of term, planned at midday on 22nd July.

I wanted to remind you of some of the factors discussed with Public Health England today:

- Rates of infection are going up dramatically and locally. Many cases are asymptomatic and therefore it is really important that students continue to use their Lateral Flow Tests and report their results to [school](#) and the [NHS](#) every Sunday and Wednesday including this evening.
- If your child has been asked to self-isolate, which has been confirmed via parentmail with specific dates, they should not leave their house for any reason. They should be isolated from everyone including their own household wherever possible to prevent the spread of the virus.
- If your child has - sore throat, temperature, cough, cold they should get a PCR. A Lateral flow is not enough in this occasion as it only picks up asymptomatic cases not the virus in those with symptoms. This can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. If a positive result is returned from the PCR, please email [covid.results@lordgrey.org.uk](mailto:covid.results@lordgrey.org.uk) with a copy of the result.

I truly cannot believe we are facing the same issues that we have been experiencing over the last 18 months.

I will be writing to all parents at the beginning of next week about the September start and hopefully, this will be a return to normality.

Please stay safe.

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Vice Principal

