

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Contingency Planning

I hope you and your family are well.

I am sure you have been keeping abreast of developments regarding school settings being forced to reduce numbers in school or having significant numbers of staff being unable to report for duty as a result of Covid-19 related circumstances. Whilst we are currently able to maintain our full provision, I thought it right to share the very real possibility that we may be forced to adjust this according to staff availability and government guidance. Please rest assured the decision to change our provision will only be taken when absolutely essential and we will always look to return to a full provision as soon as possible.

In order to give you the best opportunity to plan ahead of any changes we would like to share our initial plans.

Initially all year groups, except Year 11 and Year 13 will move to a four day in school and one day at home timetable. Year 7 would be at home on Monday, Year 8 on Tuesday, Year 9 on Wednesday, Year 10 on Thursday and Year 12 on Friday.

In the event of wider reductions in capacity we will move to a rolling two-week in school and two-week at home rotation for all year groups except Year 11 and Year 13. In this event a full remote learning timetable will be issued.

I have liaised with other local Headteachers and all four schools in the Wickford and Billericay area are adopting this methodology. It is worth noting that the current problems with Covid testing and the waiting time for results for both staff and students is exacerbating and already difficult situation.

I truly hope that the decision to change from our current position is not necessary, but felt sharing this at this time was appropriate.

Yours faithfully

Neil Dunn
Headteacher