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Dear Parent,

Re: Remote learning

I wrote to you last week to inform you that Torbay is currently experiencing very high levels of Covid-19, and this is reflected in our school population. Over the last week we have seen a further increase in the number of students and staff who are testing positive and are therefore absent from school. This is now having a detrimental impact on the quality of education we can provide for our students. Our staff have done an amazing job in covering for absent colleagues, but as of Friday this week, we will reach a point where we are unable to cover all absent staff and continue delivering a safe and high-quality education while all students are in school.

As a result of this position we have had to make an operational decision to direct one year group to work remotely each day between now and the Easter holidays. The table below shows when each year group will be asked to work remotely:

Date	Year group working remotely
Friday 25th March	Year 12
Monday 28 th March	Year 10
Tuesday 29 th March	Year 8
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 9
Thursday 31st March	Year 7
Friday 1st April	Year 12
Monday 4th April	Year 10
Tuesday 5th April	Year 8
Wednesday 6th April	Year 9
Thursday 7th April	Year 7
Friday 8th April	Year 12

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 should continue to attend school every day in preparation for their external public examinations, which start in 5 weeks. If your child has an EHCP or a Social Worker, a member of our team will contact you to confirm arrangements for your child. Attendance for these vulnerable students will be mandatory.

When your child is working remotely, the expectation is that they follow their normal school timetable for that day. They should log on to the 'Daily Hello' with their Head of Year, which will start at 8:45am. Classwork will be set in Google Classroom and the expectation is that they complete all work set by their teachers. Collective Worship will be posted in the Year Group Google Classroom for students to access at 2pm. If you have any questions about remote learning please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Vaccaro, Remote Learning Coordinator via sarah.vaccaro@stcm.torbay.sch.uk or 01803 328725. Printed Independent Learning Packs can also be requested through tutors in advance, or through Ms Vaccaro using the contact details provided.

I understand that the decision to direct year groups to work remotely will cause some disruption to parents, and I apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please be assured that this decision was not taken lightly and has been taken in the best interest of the students and staff at school. We will keep the situation under constant review and should staffing levels change we will look to end these temporary arrangements at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher