



4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Emergency COVID Contingency Arrangements (Update) – February 2022

Having conducted a thorough review of staffing capacity for Monday 7th February, it is with regret that I write to you to confirm that I must continue with emergency Covid arrangements for pupils into next week. Please be assured that this is not a step I have taken lightly and that I have considered every possibility for bringing children back into school.

In addition to having recruited our own in-house cover teachers this year, I have made longer term bookings of additional supply staff this term in anticipation of scenarios such as this. Unfortunately, the scale of the problem is such that this has not been sufficient to prevent my current course of action. Furthermore, Covid is affecting schools right across the Wirral and the supply agencies simply do not have any other staff available.

Arrangements for Monday 7th February are as follows:

Years 7, 8 & 9

Students in Years 7 to 9 will continue with remote learning where staff will be providing a combination of learning resources and 'live' lessons for the day. Where possible, Form Tutors will run a 'live' registration at 8.30am and it is expected that all students will log on. Please read our guidance for this on the school website [here](#).

The school will continue to offer provision for the children of COVID19 critical workers and those children identified as 'vulnerable' due to having an EHCP or an allocated social worker. If you require a place in school for your child for these reasons, please email your request to schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk. Your child should then attend as normal, reporting to their form room at the usual time.

Years 10, 11, 12 & 13

As examination year groups, we have prioritised face-to-face learning for Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 as far as we are able to do so, and therefore they should attend as normal.

As staff absence related to Covid changes on a daily basis, I will review the situation on Monday morning to assess any updates from the weekend and will then confirm arrangements for all students' education before 3pm that day.

I must also stress that we still intend to proceed with crucial Year 9 GCSE Pathways arrangements next week. However, I will write to Year 9 families separately confirming these details and any Covid-related changes to the process.

I remain hopeful that this disruption remains short-lived, and that all students will be able to return to face to face education at the earliest possible opportunity. Thank you yet again for your forbearance.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', written over a faint horizontal line.

Mr Jon Bush, Principal