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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with an update that the staff absence levels continue to be concerning and places me in a position whereby it is not possible to cover all lessons with a teaching member of staff. This is clearly a health and safety issue.

After consulting with the local authority, I have the capacity to:

- **Return year 10 students on Thursday 3 February**
- However, year 9 students will continue with remote learning until **Monday 7 February**, where I am more confident staff absence levels will subside due to isolation periods ending.

Families with students that are deemed vulnerable will be offered a place inside the school, however, please note we are limited in capacity. You will receive a text message to offer a place during this partial closure & places already booked in will be carried forward. Families in receipt of free school meals will receive a Wonde voucher of £6 to cover the additional two days (Thursday and Friday).

Students affected by this will be set work by their subject teachers using Oak Academy online recourses <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Students will be required to follow their usual timetable with an encouragement to have breaks and the normal school times and general exercise when PE is timetabled.

With regret



Bryan Erwin

Principal