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To parents/carers of Year 9 and Year 7 pupils only

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we find ourselves in the position where, as a result of increasing positive cases of Covid 19 and very high staff absences, we have reluctantly made the decision to move to remote learning for Year 9 tomorrow 3rd February, and Year 7 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This is for one day meaning Year 9 will return to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Year 7 will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February respectively.

Teachers will be setting work for all lessons tomorrow and Friday in line with our remote learning plan which is on the school website. The main source of information will still be Satchel One. Pupils in Year 9 and Year 7 will receive work. If your child does not have access to IT at home and is unable to access online learning please contact us on 01332 557032 today or contact your Year team on the email addresses below regarding IT or any other remote learning issue:

Head of Year 9 - Jo Gash – [jgash@ben.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:jgash@ben.srscmat.co.uk)  
Pastoral Support Assistant – [abennett@ben.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:abennett@ben.srscmat.co.uk)

Head of Year 7 - Fiona Molumby – [fmolumby@ben.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:fmolumby@ben.srscmat.co.uk)  
Pastoral Support Assistant – [lwild@ben.srscmat.co.uk](mailto:lwild@ben.srscmat.co.uk)

We will of course keep you informed of the situation and if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact us at [safeguarding@saintben.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@saintben.derby.sch.uk)

Please accept my apologies for having to take this course of action and be reassured it is not a decision we have taken lightly or easily. However, I do hope you will support us and understand that it is essential we take such a precaution.

To confirm, only Year 9 pupils are working remotely on Thursday 3rd February and returning to school on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 7 pupils are working remotely on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February only, and returning to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All other years are in school.

Yours sincerely



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