



25 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 8 temporary move to remote learning from Wednesday 26 January 2022 – Friday 28 January 2022

I hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time.

Unfortunately, as a result of staff shortages due to illnesses, we have made the difficult decision for Year 8 to move to remote learning from Wednesday 26 January 2022 – Friday 28 January 2022. Year 8 students are to not to attend the Academy during this time.

The local area is also experiencing a shortage of supply teachers to cover staff who are unwell which sadly means we are unable to keep the Year 8 group open this week.

Again, please be reassured that if you are receiving this letter, your child did not come into close proximity with any affected persons within their year group and does not need to self-isolate unless contacted by NHS Track and Trace.

We appreciate this may be a difficult time however, the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, parents, staff and the wider school community must remain our top priority. We are continuing to work closely with Public Health England to help manage both the Academy's and the wider response to Covid-19 as cases rise across the local area.

To ensure minimal disruption to learning, work will be set for the core subjects, Maths, English and Science. Students are expected to complete the work set by their teachers which can be found [here](#) on our website. If your child is unable to access these provisions via any device (including a phone) please contact the House Team.

Additionally, if you are in receipt of free school meals, we will be in touch over the next couple of days to ensure we can get vouchers to you. If you are classed as a Key Worker/ Vulnerable and require additional support please contact Ms Barry, jbarry@stangroundacademy.org.

In the meantime, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the steps that we can all take to reduce the risk of spreading infection. These simple measures are:

- If your child, a household member or a member of your support bubble develops any of the following symptoms, we ask that you notify the Academy immediately and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-testor-by-phoning-119>.
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

- If your child has COVID-19 symptoms they should stay at home and self-isolate immediately. You should arrange for them to take a LFT as soon as possible. If this test result is positive, they must continue to self-isolate.
- The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after five full days if you have two negative LFT taken on consecutive days. The first LFT should not be taken before the fifth day after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). The self-isolation period remains ten full days for those without negative results from two LFT taken a day apart.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek further advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

As a community, we can also help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by:

- washing your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing your hands as soon as you get home
- covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and washing your hands afterwards

We are continuing to monitor and review the situation and would like to thank you for your ongoing support during this time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy, or use the following link to access further information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours faithfully



Mr Carlile
Principal