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Dear Y9 Parent/ Carer,

Re: Year 9 bubble closure Monday 19 July – Friday 23 July

There have been a number of positive cases in Year 9 this week that have resulted in the vast majority of the year group having to self-isolate. Today we have made the difficult decision to close the year 9 bubble for the rest of the summer term in order to safeguard students, staff, the community and reduce transmission of the virus.

The school will remain open for **all** other year groups.

For those that have not been instructed to isolate, the school will offer a provision for vulnerable students and children of key workers in year 9 and if you would like your child to have a place in this provision, you must contact the Head of Year 9.

All year 9 students will be expected to access online learning and engage in live google classroom lesson following a similar format to previous lockdown arrangements. These live google meets will mirror their normal timetable, with work also set on google classroom.

I would like to apologise for the inconvenience this might cause you and your family, rest assured this is not a decision I have taken lightly. I hope that you can understand the challenges that we are faced with; similar decisions are being made in other schools and are a reflection of the high transmission rate in Brighton & Hove currently.

Kind regards,

Kate Williams

Headteacher