



6 December 2021

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents/carers for the support that you have given to the College since our recent letter regarding changes to the COVID-19 measures. We have been particularly impressed by the way in which our students across all Year Groups have taken responsibility for the wearing of face coverings, as requested and maintaining their weekly lateral flow testing routines at home. The College has seen a reduction in COVID-19 absence rates amongst the student body over this half term.

However, as with many schools across Devon and nationally, the numbers of staff being impacted by COVID-19 has increased, affecting staff absence. As a result and following advice from the Trust and Local Authority, we will be implementing a Year Group rota to ensure we have enough staff to keep children safe on the College site.

The table below outlines when each **Year Group will not be in College** and will follow the Independent Remote Learning Programme which will be released via 'foldr' which can be accessed via the College website using the student's usual login details. Further instructions will be provided on epraise and there will be a step by step demonstration for each Year Group as part of their Virtual Assembly at 8.55am on the first day of their Remote Learning. All Year Groups on Remote Learning will be expected to log in to a Virtual Assembly each day, using the link provided on epraise.

Please note the following groups will be required to remain in College regardless of which Year Group are designated to work from home:

- Vulnerable students
- Students with an EHCP
- Students with Social Worker involvement

Ivybridge Community College Partial Year Group Independent Remote Learning Schedule		
Date	Year Group not in College Independent Remote Learning	Year Groups remaining in College
Tuesday, 7 December 2021	Year 10	Years 7, 8, 9 and 11
Wednesday, 8 December 2021		Years 12 and 13
Thursday, 9 December 2021	Year 9	Years 7, 8, 10 and 11
Friday, 10 December 2021		Years 12 and 13
Staff absence rates will be reviewed with updates provided on Friday, 10 December to all parents/carers. If necessary we will continue with the following Partial Year Group Independent Remote Learning Schedule		
Monday, 13 December 2021	Year 8	Years 7, 9, 10 and 11
Tuesday, 14 December 2021		Years 12 and 13
Wednesday, 15 December 2021	Year 7	Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 Years 12 and 13
Thursday, 16 December 2021 Last day of term	Year 11	Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Years 12 and 13

I apologise for the disruption that these necessary adjustments will cause to your child's education and family work patterns. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding in such challenging circumstances and would like to publicly thank all

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the teaching and support staff at Ivybridge Community College who are going above and beyond to provide the best education and care for your children.

This has been a difficult decision and one that will support helping to keep the College open and functioning safely. We will continue to review this on a regular basis and communicate any changes.

Yours faithfully

Rachel Hutchinson

Principal