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Our Ref LM/jd/Y9 PClosure

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Dear Parents and Carers

**Temporary closure for Year 9 to move to remote learning- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 up to and including Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Like many schools across the country, we are currently facing low staffing levels and are aware that this will continue at least over the next few days. We have therefore made the decision to move to remote learning for year 9 for the next couple of school days in the interest of our students' safety and wellbeing.

This blended learning approach is very important, as it will allow all year groups to receive a mixture of face-to-face and remote learning, ensuring that the measures we need to put in place are fair for all students.

During their time at home, **work for students in Year 9 will be set on Microsoft Teams.**

**See link below to access work for Year 9**

<https://www.qka.education/page/?title=Work+From+Home&pid=226>

I want to be clear again that this is not because of positive cases of Covid-19 in the academy and under normal circumstances, staff absences rarely cause problems and can be quickly solved. However, under the current circumstances, schools are facing significant challenges with staff absences much higher than normal.

If there are any exceptional circumstances where pupils in year 9 are unable to access their learning at home over the next couple of days, please contact the year 9 team who will be able to offer some support for your child to remain in school

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will be sent a Free School Meals Voucher link and you should follow the usual steps to access

**All Year 9 students should return to school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January as usual.**

I would like to thank all our families for your support so far and apologise again for the disruption these decisions cause. I want to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our highest priority.

Yours sincerely

**Lynn Mayes**  
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