



FITZHARRYS SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Following a recent significant increase in cases of COVID-19 at Fitzharrys School and across both secondary schools in the Abingdon Learning Trust, the decision has been made to move to online learning from home for students for the remainder of term 6.

Fitzharrys School remains open, but all learning has moved online to ensure we minimise risk and continue to educate the children in our care. This is happening at both secondary schools within the trust.

This decision has been made by the Executive Headteacher following liaison with Oxfordshire County Council, Trust leadership, Governors, and the Heads of both schools. This is in the context of growing numbers in Oxfordshire and a spike in cases in both schools in recent days.

It is not a decision that has been taken lightly. However, it is in the best interest of our pupils, their families, and our staff.

All lessons next week will be delivered live online through E-Praise with Teams links, as we have done previously for remote learning. All children should remain at home to participate in online lessons, apart from those who are vulnerable. These students will be contacted shortly to let them know that they need to come into school. If you are a key worker and feel that your child cannot work at home, then please get in touch.

Students will be expected to attend online lessons from morning registration via Teams. If there are technical issues with this, then please let us know via our office email so that we can deal with this straight away.

Our teaching and support staff remain committed to the education of your child. They will all be in school next week delivering consistent, high quality learning to our students.

I am sorry this has come at short notice. It has been a challenging week for everyone, at the end of a particularly challenging academic year. I am proud of the way our students, staff and community have achieved so much against such adversity.

Next week will contain our normal achievement assemblies to celebrate the successes of our students. Whilst we are disappointed that we will not be able to congratulate them and say thank you in person, we will ensure they get the best send-off possible in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Will Speke
Head of School



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