



2nd October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Response to Covid-19 confirmed cases

I am writing to keep you up to date with our response to Covid-19 as we have now had a number of staff cases and one student case (in year 11). I am in regular contact with other Headteachers in West Yorkshire through the Leeds City Council Bronze Response Group and the Red Kite Alliance group of schools, and I can report that most schools in the region have now been affected with positive cases so the situation at Ralph Thoresby is not unusual.

In response to the cases we have had, I asked the LCC Health and safety team to carry out an audit of the systems we have put in place for reopening. They visited this morning and I am pleased to report that they were very impressed, reporting 'no concerns' and commenting that the school is 'fantastically run'.

Many of you will already be aware that, due to Covid related staffing shortages, we have had to ask two separate year groups to remain at home so far:

Year 11 have been working from home this week and, unless they are part of a small group who are continuing to self-isolate, **Year 11 should be back in school from Monday 5th October.**

Regrettably, we are now asking **Year 10 to work at home from Monday 5th October – Friday 9th October.**

I am hopeful that we will not be required to continue to ask whole year groups to work from home as staff return to work but, if we do, I will communicate this to you at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via headteacher@ralphthoresby.com

Finally, I would just like to thank you all once again for the brilliant support you've given the school. The emails and positive comments really mean a lot. As always, it's a real team effort and our school is at its best when staff, parents and students all work together.

Thank-you for your support, take care and stay safe,

Mr Will Carr, Headteacher.

