

26 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all keeping well.

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Peters is currently absent from school due to having long covid.

I want to reassure you that, during Mrs Peter's absence, your child's education is being well supported through the leadership of Ms Richards and Mr Averis, Deputy Headteachers. As Secondary Strategic Lead for ATLP I am in school every day offering additional support. We also have exceptional support from our ATLP School Improvement Team.

In the last two weeks the whole school community has been working exceptionally hard to ensure that your child's education continues to be supported and all activities have continued as planned. Teachers continue to deliver the curriculum; tutors and the pastoral team have been doing some excellent work through form time and enrichment lessons. Year 11 have had their mock examinations and coped very well. Clubs and activities continue, with our students performing exceptionally well in 'Debate Mate' reaching the semi-finals.

Today your child had an assembly explaining Mrs Peter's absence. In the assembly we also reminded students of the standards we expect in terms of what makes an effective John Willmott learner and our basic expectations of behaviour. We will be having a real focus on punctuality to lessons and have made some minor changes to the timings within the school day to support this. Further information about this will be shared with you next week, there are no changes to the timing of the start and end of the day.

I hope this reassures you of the current situation. I will keep you informed as we wish Mrs Peters well in her recovery.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith-Childs
Secondary Strategic Lead