

26<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear UCC families,

Regrettably I am informing you of a decision to partially close Uppingham Community College for the remainder of this week.

Throughout this week we have experienced a rapid spike in positive Covid cases, resulting in 13 members of teaching staff being absent today. We have covered all lessons so far, using our staff who are in school, along with some external supply teachers we have been able to secure. However, we have reached a point where it is becoming unsafe to have all year groups in school. We know of another 3 members of teaching staff who will not be in school tomorrow, and we expect there to be more Covid cases confirmed overnight.

This means that the following arrangements will be in place from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:

- **Year 7 will be in school** as normal for the rest of this week
- **Year 8 will be at home** on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, completing work set by teachers on Satchel:One
- **Year 9 will be at home** on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, completing work set by teachers on Satchel:One
- **Year 10 will be at home** on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, completing work set by teachers on Satchel:One
- **Year 11 will be in school** as normal for the rest of this week

We have prioritised Year 11 because this is their examination year, and Year 7 because they are the youngest children in the school.

This was a very difficult decision to make and I am sorry for any inconveniences caused to families. We are expecting our staffing capacity to return to an operational level on Monday so we can resume business as usual for all our students.

If your child tests positive for Covid, you should keep them off school for 3 days following the test.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Solly  
Principal