



Urmston Grammar

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all students and parents for their support in ensuring the Urmston Grammar community has been able to run successfully, efficiently and safely. As we would expect in the current circumstances, although attendance is currently very impressive, it is inevitable that student absences will occur for a variety of reasons. I have outlined below the different scenarios that may arise to help manage both the well-being of our students and the organisational requirements of our team of teachers and support staff:

Student is self-isolating as a result of a family diagnosis or waiting for test but is fit and well.

This will have a specific code on our registration system and teachers will know that content from the lessons will need to be shared on SMHW to allow students to catch up.

Student is self-isolating because they are a section of a bubble which have been asked to self-isolate by the school but is fit and well.

A range of options will be utilised by our teachers. We will continue to resource and develop opportunities for students to be involved in the live lesson through Microsoft teams, independent work may be sent home for students to complete, or teachers may utilise other opportunities such as audio powerpoints. All communication of this will be through SMHW.

Student has tested positive for COVID but is otherwise fit and well.

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Student is self-isolating, has tested positive for COVID or exhibits COVID symptoms.

When a student is unwell, the priority must be their health and well-being. Work will be shared on SMHW, there may be invites to Microsoft teams lessons, or resources sent home. However, if the student is not feeling fit and healthy, they should be reassured that we will be able to work with them on their return to school.

Student is absent/unwell but the absence is not related to COVID or self-isolation.

Urmston Grammar does not, under these circumstances set work for students while they are unwell. The current situation with COVID has created a significant level of co-ordination and strategizing to ensure that we can offer effective and timely remote learning opportunities to those affected by the pandemic. However, if your child's absence is for another reason, we advise that students recuperate and come back fit, well and



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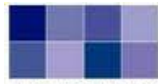




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ready to learn. Normal catch up procedures can be followed on their return, copying up work or collecting missed notes etc. Students are still able to check SMHW and if they feel up to it, they can attempt homework tasks.

Thank you for taking the time to review this and for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

*Phil Roberts
Head of school*



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