

9th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Enforced Partial School Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Since Friday last week we have seen a significant spike in Covid-19 cases among both students and staff. This has resulted in a large number of staff unable to attend the academy which brings challenges for us to deliver high standards for teaching and learning and maintaining our usual operations which ensure student and staff safety.

We have worked extremely hard to re-model the academy and remain fully open. But disappointingly due to exceptional levels we have regrettably had to make the decision to implement a temporary partial closure.

Whilst the government has relaxed national measures the latest guidance for educational settings is that following a positive result for Covid-19 children and adults should self-isolate and can return to the setting after two consecutive negative lateral flow results, which can commence on day 5 and 6 of the isolation period.

We have made the decision to close to **Year 8** from **Thursday 10th March** until **Friday 11th March**. We will continually review and should staffing levels improve, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to **Year 8** sooner.

Home Learning

We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Over the course of the pandemic during partial closures and national lockdowns attendance and engagement has been exceptional and through live and interactive lessons with teachers students have continued to make excellent progress, preventing lost learning time. In the initial period of this closure we will provide learning resources through students' Google classrooms.

Students should be up and learning by 8:25am each morning. They should go to their Google Classroom and will then follow their normal timetable for the week by visiting the correct classrooms and the correct times. Whilst at the early stages students will have work posted in their classroom to complete and over time we would move to live lessons with some pre-recorded. Pens and paper etc are essential and can be available for you to pick up at school if you need. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a Home Learning webpage which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child. You can access this at <https://bit.ly/ADWICKOLP>.

All students have been shown how to access Google Classroom and we have checked that they have their login and password details. Students have been given a sticker with this information which will be in their planner. Should you need any support with Google Classroom or internet access then please contact our enquiries team by emailing Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com.

We have a limited number of loan IT devices available for those eligible for support.

Key worker & vulnerable children

We have added a form to the academy website - <https://forms.gle/X1arMR4nzhX8RGzb6> for the parents of key workers and our most vulnerable children so that we can support them in providing critical care where it is required - and we hope to be able to support these students wherever we can. Please do not hesitate to contact the academy if you require further information on who is entitled to this support.

Free School Meal Parcel

We have support available for families of students in receipt of Free School Meals in the form of a food parcel. Please let us know, by contacting the academy on the above number or by emailing Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com, if you would like to collect one of these.

Again, this has been an incredibly difficult decision for me, especially considering the previous time students have spent away from the academy. We have worked really hard to try to remain open for all, but I cannot compromise the health or safety of our academy community and I hope you appreciate and understand the rationale around this decision.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this time.

Yours faithfully



Andy Scruby
Principal