

3rd December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

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

I hope that you and those close to you are well and managing to remain safe as we deal with the challenges that the pandemic brings us.

Due to exceptional staff absence and to ensure staff and student safety we have regrettably had to make the decision to implement a temporary partial closure. You may be aware that we had to close to Year 8 this last week due to absence. Due to the nature of isolations and periods of illness we have had to consider rotating year groups attending the academy.

We have unfortunately had to make the decision this afternoon to close to **Year 9** from **Monday 6th December for one week**. 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 9** sooner. We will remain open for all other year groups.

### **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 at 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. If any students are struggling to access their login and password details please contact the academy at the earliest opportunity. 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](mailto:Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com).

We have a limited number of loan IT devices available for those eligible for support, again please contact the academy if you require support.

**Key worker children**

We have added a form to the academy website for the parents of key worker 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. This onsite facility will also be available to our most vulnerable children so that they can access routine care and 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](mailto:Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com), if you would like to collect one of these.

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