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Dear Parents/Carers

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Partial School Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

You will be aware that the UK Government have advised that anyone who shows symptoms now will need to isolate for 14 days, as a result of this action and the impact on academy staffing we will partially close with effect from 18 March 2020. The Academy will be closed to students in Years 8, 9, 12 and 13. We are conscious of exam groups in Years 10 and 11 who are currently sitting mock examinations which is essential in their preparation for the summer examinations and for this reason we must make every effort in ensuring these examinations take place. Whilst we equally recognise the importance of Year 12 and 13 examinations we are conscious of transporting students between sites and want to minimise any unnecessary travel or movement between schools. We are also taking into account the effect of closure on our youngest cohort of students and childcare arrangements.

If your child qualifies for free school meals, they are welcome to come into the academy during their normal lunch break in uniform. Behavior expectations will remain the same for all students.

Home Learning

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Google Classroom is the means by which teachers will set work for their classes. 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.

To access this information click on the red button which is located on all school websites titled 'School Closure'. This will take you to a dedicated school closure landing page which will then direct you to primary and secondary information. Clicking on the secondary button will take you to further information about how to access home learning for your child.

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.

We are mindful that the Home Learning we are setting will require access to the internet. Please discuss with your child how they will manage their data usage on their mobile phones, should this be the device they use to access work.

Reporting Confirmed Coronavirus Cases

If your child or someone who lives in your household receives a confirmed diagnosis of Coronavirus, we are asking that you let us know this by completing the form that you can find on the 'Home Learning' page titled 'Reporting Coronavirus'.

Updates

All updates regarding school closure and subsequent reopening will be published on official school social media accounts, websites and on the Home Learning page: <https://homelearning.outwood.com/>.

The school will use the text messaging service to contact you about when the school will reopen and arrangements for your child to return to school.

Yours faithfully



Jayne Gaunt
Principal