

29th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

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

The health, safety and welfare of our students, staff, families and the community are at the forefront of the decisions we make as an academy. In light of the current public health emergency, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out an enforced partial closure to **Year 9**. At this moment in time, exceptional levels of staff absence for the next few days mean that we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. We have made the decision to close to **Year 9** from 30.11.20 to 12.12.20. Should staffing levels improve, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to **Year 9** sooner.

Home Learning

We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8:40am each morning. They should go to their maths Google Classroom to begin with before 8.40am each day and then follow the instructions which will be provided. There will be a live streaming timetable provided each day to follow providing a wide curriculum in line with that normally taught in the academy. Some lessons will be live, some pre-recorded and some will have work posted for students to complete.

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 an email address in case you require some support at google@danum.outwood.com. There is also a guide to using Google classroom available on the academy website which can be accessed here <https://www.danum.outwood.com/>.

If your child does not have a means to access google classroom we may be able to support this therefore please contact the academy if this is the case.

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.

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 enquiries@danum.outwood.com, if you would like to collect one of these.

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

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Gaunt
Principal