

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Move to Remote Online Learning for Year 8 on Thursday the 14th of December

Outwood Academy Danum are experiencing very high levels of staff absence that is both teaching and support staff. Unfortunately we have had to make the very difficult decision to move to online remote learning for **Year 8 on Thursday 14th December 2023 in order to keep all children safe and supported.** I recognise that this adds an extra burden to parents and if we could avoid it, we would. As a parent of school age children myself, I understand that this doesn't come without impact at home, but have had to make this decision as the staffing levels we have does not adequately cover the teaching, support and duty gaps we have. The school has managed to buy in some external supply teachers, however this has not been enough to cover the staff absences that we are experiencing, with heavy absences in the catering team, teaching team, support staff and leadership. Presently, we hope for a return to the academy on Friday the 15th of December, however this is reliant on staff returning from sickness. We will be in touch with further details as we know more. We will continue to be open to vulnerable children to come into school for their learning support and you can expect a phone call from the inclusion and learning manager team about this.

Home Learning

Pupils can access home learning via this website link (<https://sites.google.com/danum.outwood.com/oadclassportal/class-work>) which includes a range of topics students cover in their time at school. Students can also log directly onto their google classroom for their subjects should they wish to continue with the work they are completing in lessons. Students should be up and learning by 8:25am, following their normal timetable, at the normal lesson times.

Should you need any support with Google Classroom or internet access then please contact us by emailing enquiries@danum.outwood.com.

Free School Meal Parcel

We have support available for families of students in receipt of free school meals in the form of a lunch collection of a packed lunch. Please let us know by emailing enquiries@danum.outwood.com, if you would like to collect one of these lunch parcels.

Thanks again for your support and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,



Amanda Crane
Principal