

17 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

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

We are currently experiencing significant staffing issues due to self-isolation. As a result, the Academy will close to years 7, 8 and 9 students with effect from 18th March 2020. We are making this decision in order to try and preserve the curriculum for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 who all have terminal exams this coming summer. The situation will be reviewed continuously and parents will be updated via text and website message.

#### 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.

**IMPORTANT:** If your son/ daughter receives free school meals they are welcome to attend at their normal lunchtime to have their lunch in full school uniform and fulfilling all of our normal behaviour expectations

Yours faithfully

**Mr S Roberts**  
**Principal**



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