

17 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Partial Academy Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic
Academy open to Years 10 and 11 only**

I am writing to update you with regard to the ongoing situation as a result of the COVID-19 virus.

Although we are trying our best to stay open, this can only happen if the academy has the number of staff to run it safely. As a result, unfortunately we are only able to open for **Year 10 and 11 students**.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students are to remain at home.

This situation will be reviewed on Monday. Further communication will be by social media (Facebook and Twitter) and text message.

Home Learning

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the period of 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 academy websites titled 'Academy Closure'. This will take you to a dedicated academy 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.

Arrangements for students entitled to Free Academy Meals – Years 7, 8 and 9 only

We are aware that some families will struggle more than usual at this difficult time. For those students in year groups 7, 8 and 9 entitled to free meals, a free packed lunch will be available. Students can attend the academy via the library on a daily basis **between the hours of 12.30pm-1.00pm only** to collect their packed lunch. This will be on a 'drop-in' basis and students should report to the library. This will be clearly signposted.

We have provided a list of venues where you may be able to access food supplies, without cost, across 3 Local Authorities. Please find this attached.

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'.

Should any students show symptoms, then they should not attend academy. If anyone is suspected of having symptoms whilst at academy, we will send them home.

As you could appreciate the situation is changing rapidly. If any further changes are made, we will let you know as soon as possible.

To confirm, years I0 and I1 should continue to attend school as normal at this time.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you and your families well during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely



Tom Urwin
Principal