

20 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 a school. In light of the current health emergency, it is with regret that Outwood Academy Acklam have had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for **ONE** year group. Having asked other year groups to remain at home in previous weeks due to high levels of staff absence, we have closely monitored absence each day to ensure the safe running of the academy. We are aware of high levels of staff absence from Monday and as a result we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. We have made the decision to close to **Y8 ONLY** from Monday 23 November until Friday 27 November. Students will return to the academy on Monday 30 November. Should staffing levels improve as the week progresses, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to **Y8** sooner.

Home Learning

I appreciate that this will be a concern to you because students have already missed a lot of time at school. However, we have a strong plan in place for home learning on Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8.25am each morning. They should go to the Year 8 Home Learning Google Classroom to begin and then follow their normal timetable for the remainder of the week by visiting the correct classrooms and the correct times. Some lessons will be live, some pre-recorded and some will have work posted for students to complete. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have a home learning page (<https://www.acklam.outwood.com/revision>) which provides you with resources for each department area.

All students are now aware of how to access Google Classroom and have their login and password details. Should you need any support with Google Classroom or internet access then please contact Mr Maher: a.maher@acklam.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 food parcel. Please let us know, by contacting the academy on the above number or by emailing e.wilson@acklam.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 at this time. If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with the academy or by emailing the enquiries address:

enquiries@acklam.outwood.com

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Gray', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark Gray
Principal