

25 January 2022

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 staff absence we have faced so far this week and will face again on **Wednesday 26 January 2022**, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for a year group.

We are aware of high levels of staff absence from tomorrow and as a result we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. We have made the decision to close to **Y8** on **Wednesday 26 January to Friday 28 January 2022**.

Students will return to the academy on **Monday 31 January 2022**. Should staffing levels change ahead of Tuesday, I will again be in touch with you.

Home Learning

We have a strong plan in place for home learning on Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8.25am each morning on Google Classroom to begin with and then follow their timetable for the day by visiting the correct classrooms at the correct times. This will be shared by staff each morning alongside being shared on the school website and social media platforms. Lessons will be live, with some teacher input followed by student activities. Students will have work to complete and hand in via Google Classroom. Pens and paper etc are essential.

Details of tomorrow's timetable will be sent to all Year 8 Parents / Carers via text later this evening.

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 Rhodes: j.rhodes@acklam.outwood.com

Hard copies of work can be collected from reception for subjects which will allow students who aren't able to access online lessons to still complete work which students will be doing in the online lessons.

Free School Meals

We have support available for families of students in receipt of Free School Meals in the form of a packed lunch. Please let us know, by contacting the academy on the above number or by e.wilson@acklam.outwood.com if you would like to collect one of these on Friday and / or Monday.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'GSKIDMORE', written over a faint dotted line.

Graham Skidmore
Principal