

23 November 2021

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 24 November 2021**, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for a year group on **Wednesday 24 November 2021**.

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 **Y9** on **Wednesday 24 November 2021**.

Students will return to the academy on **Thursday 25 November 2021**. Should staffing levels change ahead of Thursday, I will again be in touch with you.

Home Learning

I appreciate that this will be a concern to you as we have not had to take this decision this academic year following the previous stint of partial closures during the last academic year.

We have a strong plan in place for home learning on Google Classroom on **Wednesday 24 November 2021**. Students should be up and learning by **8.25am** by accessing the tutor time link which will be shared by Mr Clayton in the morning. They should then go to their Google Classroom and then follow their normal timetable for the day, accessing lessons as they show on their timetable. Lessons will be live, with some teacher input followed by student activities. Students will have work to complete and hand in via Google Classroom.

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 Meal Parcel

As we are partially closing for 1 day to Y9 students, and having made the difficult decision later this afternoon, we will not be able to supply all students with a food parcel as we did during lockdown last academic year. Please let us know, by contacting the academy on 01642 818200 or by emailing enquiries@acklam.outwood.com if you would like further information or require support with this.

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 stylized flourish extending from the top right.

Mark Gray
Principal