

Outwood Grange Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

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 Grange Academy has had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for ONE year group. At this moment in time, exceptional levels of staff absence for the next few days mean that we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. We have made the decision to close to Year 9 ONLY for the week, from Monday 16 November. Year 9 will return on Monday 23 November. However, we will review this throughout the week and if it is safe for the Year 9 students to return earlier, we will let you know.

I appreciate that this will be a concern to you because some Year 9 students may have already missed days from schools this year and, of course, the learning that they lost last year. I can reassure you that, in the event of further staff absence at this worrying time, we will ensure that Year 9 remains in school and prioritise sending home other year groups to limit any potential lost learning for Year 9 students as much as possible.

On Monday, we will make contact regarding the key worker children provision that we will set up, if it is needed.

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, there is a lot of information provided on the website - Accessing Google Classroom from Home. All students have been shown how to access Google Classroom and have their login and password details.

Yours faithfully

Brian Kelly Principal