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Dear Parents and Carers

Closure of a Year Group Bubble: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

These are the most challenging times any of us have experienced in education and the support from staff, students and the wider community has been fantastic. Until this week, we had been fortunate in that we had maintained a full opening so far this term. However, this week we felt the impact of infection, absence and self isolation more than ever before and we have to keep the health, safety and welfare of our community at the forefront of the decisions we make.

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 closure of a Year Group Bubble. This will be for Year 10 students, because of the higher number of positive COVID-19 cases that have been reported in this year group over the past few days.

We have made the decision to close to all Year 10 from Tuesday 17 November - Friday 20 November. Students will return to school on Monday 23 November.

I can reassure you that we will try to ensure that Year 10 and Year 9 students remain in school and prioritise sending home other year groups to limit any potential lost learning as much as possible.

To those parents who recently identified themselves as critical key workers and requiring full time provision for their children or for students who we believe need to remain in the academy, you will receive separate communication from us.

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