

11 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Partial School Closure: COVID-19 Pandemic**

I hope you are well.

Unfortunately we have a significant number of staff absences. As a result I have made the decision to close the Academy for all of Year 9, for 3 days from tomorrow, as we cannot staff their lessons and keep students safe. Finding staff from agencies is also incredibly difficult and often we cannot get supply teachers in.

**The Academy will be closed to all Year 9 students from Wednesday 12 January to Friday 14 January 2022 inclusive. Year 9 students will return on Monday 17 January 2022.**

### **Home Learning**

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Therefore, whilst at home, 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, we have created a [Home Learning webpage](http://homelearning.outwood.com) (homelearning.outwood.com) which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child.

Lessons will be available for all subjects and the timings of each lesson will follow the school day. For each lesson there will be work and resources uploaded to Google Classroom. The independent work which they will then complete at home should be submitted to their usual teacher via Google Classroom. If your child is unable to log into Google Classroom (for example, if they have forgotten their password) please contact [enquiries@grange.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@grange.outwood.com).

If your child is unable to access work from home, please contact [enquiries@grange.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@grange.outwood.com) to arrange for support from the Academy.

For students in receipt of free school meals, if you would like a lunch hamper prepared for the rest of the week, please contact [enquiries@grange.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@grange.outwood.com) or ring the academy on 01924 204350.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If your child is identified as vulnerable as per the government guidance and you require provision for your child, a further text and form will be sent shortly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child on the remote learning platform from Wednesday 12 January and then back in school from Monday 17 January.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Hutchinson-Jones', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Hutchinson-Jones  
Principal