



# Montgomery Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer of Year 8,

I am writing to inform you that due to current staffing levels at the Academy we are unable to be open fully until at least Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. The current timeline for other year groups returning is as follows:

- Year 11 are due to return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and will be working for 1 week before, starting their mock exams which will run in the last two weeks of term. They return after working remotely for between 10-11 days
- Year 9 are due to return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December after working remotely for between 9-11 days
- Year 10 have already returned this Monday from 7 days of remote learning

Therefore, given Year 9 and Year 11 are returning next week and in light of the current and predicted staffing levels for next week, we have decided **that Year 8 will work remotely from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** and provisionally return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This is due to staffing levels falling below the level we need to maintain our risk assessment at an acceptable level.

I am aware that some Year 8 students isolated as close contacts back in September. However, 25 students are due back this Friday after 8 days working remotely, so we will provide provision for these students next week, though they will be working as a single class.

We will be offering a provision for our most vulnerable Y8 students over this time period. This will be likely to be the same group of students that were offered provision during the first lockdown back in April and we will contact these families tomorrow. We will be contacting families eligible for Free School Meals about food provision over this week.

In order for students to continue with their subjects, they have all been provided with a **year 8 Google Classroom code: q6qlmrl**.

Students must log in to Google Classroom with their school email and password in order to then enter this code. All work will be under 'classwork'. If your son/daughter is struggling to upload work, then please watch the Loom video explaining how this can be done. Should you need any further information, please see the website under: Remote Learning Resources. Also, if they have any problems with passwords then they can email

**[remotelarningitissues@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:remotelarningitissues@montgomery.fcat.org.uk)**

We will expect students to 'register' that they are up and ready to do their online work. If ICT access is an issue then please let us know. Tutor groups will be sent a Google Meet link for tutor group time slots when they should log in and register. Any students who do not 'register' will be contacted.

We expect ALL students to fully engage with the learning that is being provided and staff have worked hard to ensure that all the work is in line with what they would have been studying next week, in their normal lessons. Students should aim to follow their normal timetable as they would be doing in school. We appreciate this is not ideal, but welcome your support and encouragement so that your son/daughter is keeping up to date with their learning.

If you require any further information regarding Google Classroom, please contact Mrs Gilderdale via email: [l.gilderdale@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:l.gilderdale@montgomery.fcat.org.uk). If you are struggling to access the work then please let us know and we will be able to provide paper copies of work.

This is not a decision I like making at all, as we would always want for the school to be open. We hope to be back up to full capacity as soon as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Gilderdale'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mr. Careless