

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide an update with regard to the partial school closure.

Staff absence levels have risen further during the day as many staff now self-isolate. A large number with pre-existing medical conditions, including myself, are following Government advice and working from home for 14 days as a precaution. This has added to the staff absence figures.

As such, the academy will be closed to all students except those in years 5, 6 and 11 until at least the end of this week. I anticipate given the 14-day guidance that this closure is likely to be in place for the whole of next week and we may need to close to further year groups depending on absence levels. I also anticipate an announcement from the Government on schools over the 24-48 hours which may change this further.

Throughout all partial school closures, while we can, we will provide a supervised learning area, for students whose parents/carers work for the NHS. Children attending on this basis must be dropped off at main reception or for students in older year groups sign in through main reception.

Work will be uploaded onto the website under the partial school closure link.

We will continue to keep you updated through the daily bulletin and will write to inform you of any changes to these arrangements. At this time, please note that more routine enquiries into school will take longer for us to deal with. Again we ask for your patience in responding to large volumes of contact.

Thank you to all parents/carers for their support in what are unprecedented and challenging times for us all.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Cooke
Headteacher