

20 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Enforced Partial School Closure: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

I hope that you and those close to you are well and managing to remain safe as we deal with the challenges that the pandemic brings us. I have been extremely proud of how our students have responded to the enhanced health and safety procedures and their commitment to keeping everyone safe.

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 public health emergency, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out an enforced partial closure to **Year 10**. 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 10** from **Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November**. Should staffing levels improve, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to **Year 10** sooner.

### **Home Learning**

We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8:45am each morning. They should go to their Google Classroom and will then follow their normal timetable for the week by visiting the correct classrooms and the correct times. Some lessons will be live, some pre-recorded and some will have work posted for students to complete. Pens and paper etc are essential and can be available for you to pick up at school if you need. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a Home Learning webpage which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child. You can access this at <https://bit.ly/ADWICKOLP>.

All students have been shown how to access Google Classroom and we have checked that they have their login and password details. Students have been given a sticker with this information which will be in their planner. Should you need any support with Google Classroom or internet access then please our enquiries team by emailing [Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com).

### **Key worker children**

We have added a form to the academy website for the parents of key worker children so that we can support in providing critical care where it is required - and we hope to be able to support these students wherever we can.

### **Free School Meal Parcel**

We have support available for families of students in receipt of Free School Meals in the form of a food parcel. Please let us know, by contacting the academy on the above number or by emailing [Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com](mailto:Enquiries@adwick.outwood.com), if you would like to collect one of these.

This has been an incredibly difficult decision for me, and we have worked really hard to try to remain open for all, but I cannot compromise the health or safety of our academy community and I hope you appreciate and understand the rationale around this decision.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support during this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Scruby', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Andy Scruby  
Principal