

Letter to all school students / parents / guardians and staff

Date 13.11.20

RE: Partial closure for Year Nine students ONLY

Dear Parent/Carer,

Unfortunately, due to low staffing capacity because of the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to take the decision to **close the academy for Year 9 students ONLY** for next week from Monday 16th November. We will review this decision on Wednesday 18th and if the situation has changed you will be notified of an update by text and email.

We have not taken this decision lightly and would only do so when no other circumstances would permit the safe opening of the school for all students. Year 9 students are to remain at home from Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November unless there is academy communication otherwise.

Please be advised that if we need to continue with a partial closure beyond this week, we would look to rota the closure by year group to avoid a prolonged absence from school for any student. It is absolutely imperative that all parents and carers follow our communications to be informed of any changes to year group rotations. Please check our text messages and website, on, at least, a daily basis for updates.

Rest assured, we review our capacity daily but a staffing update today meant that this is the only responsible and safe decision that we could make. We will not compromise on the safe operating procedures of our zoned areas.

Work will be set on Class Charts in line with each student's normal timetable. Students that have informed us they do not have internet access will be sent work packs through the post. Completion of work will be reviewed upon students return to the academy. If you require a work pack, Free School Meal grab bag or have any questions regarding work, please email apatterson@oswba.co.uk and aquiney@oswba.co.uk.

Thank you again for all your support with dealing with these extraordinary circumstances.

Yours sincerely



Mr Rod Hughes
Principal