

20 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

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

The health, safety and welfare of our students, staff, families and the community are at the forefront of everything we do as a school. These are very challenging times requiring some very difficult decisions to be made. Last week we operated an enforced partial closure for all Year 9 students. We are delighted to be in a position that **Year 9 students should return to school on Monday 23 November 2020.**

Last week we also made the decision to close our Year 10 year group bubble. This decision was not an enforced partial closure. The decision was a response to the significant rise in the number of positive cases in Year 10. Year 10 has seen 16 positive cases in recent weeks. Currently nearly 250 Year 10 students are self-isolating. With this in mind and in consultation with the Infection Control Team, the **Year 10 bubble will remain closed. Year 10 students should return to school on Thursday 26 November. Any Year 10 students whose self-isolation continues beyond this date should complete their full isolation period before returning to school.** In conversations with the Infection Control team, this was considered the best and safest way forward, providing enough time for any further positive cases or symptoms in Year 10 students to become apparent and reduce the possibility of further spread in the wider school community.

Home Learning

We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8.25 am each morning. They should go to their tutor group Google Classroom to begin with and then follow their normal timetable for the week by visiting the correct classrooms at 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, there is information on the website - [Accessing Google Classroom from Home](#) - which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child.

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 email j.ruckledge@grange.outwood.com

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 j.ruckledge@grange.outwood.com if you would like to collect one of these.

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

Yours faithfully



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