

Thursday 19 March

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Partial School Closure Y9: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

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 health emergency, it is with regret that Outwood Academy Hemsworth have had to make the decision to carry out a partial closure for Y9. As a result the academy will close to Y9 until further notice. Y7, Y8, Y10, Y11 and Post16 will be expected to come to school as normal and mocks will continue as planned for the remainder of the week.

### **Home Learning**

We have previously communicated with you to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Google Classroom is the means by which teachers will set work for their classes. 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.

To access this information click on the red button which is located on all school websites titled 'School Closure'. This will take you to a dedicated school closure landing page which will then direct you to primary and secondary information. Clicking on the secondary button will take you to further information about how to access home learning for 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.

We are mindful that the Home Learning we are setting will require access to the internet. Please discuss with your child how they will manage their data usage on their mobile phones, should this be the device they use to access work.

### **Reporting Confirmed Coronavirus Cases**

If your child or someone who lives in your household receives a confirmed diagnosis of Coronavirus, we are asking that you let us know this by completing the form that you can find on the 'Home Learning' page titled 'Reporting Coronavirus'.

## Updates

All updates regarding school closure and subsequent reopening will be published on official school social media accounts, websites and on the Home Learning page: <https://homelearning.outwood.com/>.

The school will use the text messaging service to contact you about when the school will reopen and arrangements for your child to return to school.

Yours faithfully



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