

21 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Forced Partial Closure - Year 10 from Monday 21 March to Wednesday 23 March - Students to return Thursday 24 March

Unfortunately, we have a significant number of staff absences. As a result, I have made the decision to close the school for all Year 10 students, from Monday 21 March to Wednesday 23rd March, as we cannot staff their lessons and keep students safe. Finding staff from agencies is incredibly difficult and often we cannot get supply teachers in. 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 previously communicated with you last year to explain what the process will be for setting work for students during the enforced closure. Students should access their lessons as normal, at the normal time, via Google Classroom. Some lessons will be live, some prerecorded and some will have work posted for students to complete. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a Home Learning webpage which provides guidance on how to access Google Classroom. This can be accessed via the link below.

<https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/home-learning-site?pli=1>

<https://sites.google.com/cityfields.outwood.com/classroom/home>

Your child should attend Tutor sessions each day at 8:25 am where their Tutor will work through the timetable with them. This will also be available via their Google Classroom and on our website.

If your child has any issues regarding accessing their lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy, either by phone or through the 'Contact us' page on the Academy website.

As staff are absent, it is not always possible to provide work through Google Classroom. In this case, a lot of additional work is also available to all students via:

- Sparx Maths <https://sparx.co.uk/>
- Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- <https://science.outwood.com/>
- <https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/maths/home>

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 school via phone or the 'Contact us' page on the Academy website, if you would like to collect one of these. A member of the admin team will contact you to arrange a suitable collection time from the Academy.

Vulnerable & Critical Worker children

If you are defined as a Critical Key Worker or your child is identified as vulnerable as per the Government guidance and require provision for your child, please email us at enquiries@cityfields.outwood.com or contact us on [01924 298752](tel:01924298752) (option 2) stating that your child requires provision. Your child should attend in uniform at their usual school start time. Please note that the provision in school will be limited and that to a large extent, children will access online learning and not receive any direct face to face teaching.

As I'm sure you will understand, the decision to close the Academy, to even one year group, is something which I have not done lightly.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully



Michelle Colledge-Smith
Principal