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RE: Partial closure for Year 9 students

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 23rd November to Friday 27th November inclusive. We will review this decision by Friday 27th November and if the situation has changed you will be notified of an update by text and email at the earliest opportunity.

We have not taken this decision lightly and would only do so when no other circumstances would permit the safe and responsible opening of the Academy for all students. Year 9 students are to remain at home from Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November unless there is Academy communication otherwise, and students will be accessing learning remotely to limit any disruption to their education.

Accessing on-line learning

Year 9 students can continue with the lessons from their normal timetable by logging onto www.omacademy.co.uk. On the home screen there is a yellow box called 'Blended Learning'. Students click on this box and a spreadsheet opens. Students must select the Year 9 tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet. You will see various hyperlinks to lessons from Oak National Academy that students can complete. Work may also be set via the app Edulink One.

Students can also use other websites to continue with their learning. Students can log onto the www.omacademy.co.uk/virtual-learning/ where there is information on how to access Sam Learning, GCSE Pod, Seneca and Edulink One.

If your child does not have internet access or access to a laptop/PC/tablet, please contact the Academy.

If your child receives Free School Meals, you will be contacted by telephone with the arrangements of how food will be provided.

Please be advised that if we need to continue with a partial closure beyond the dates outlined week, we would look to ask another year group to work on remote learning to avoid a prolonged absence from the Academy for any student. It is really important that all parents and carers follow our communications to be informed of any changes. 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.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation during this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Robson'.

Mrs C Robson
Principal