

18th November 2020 - SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Parents and Carers

Urgent update in relation to COVID - 19

As you will be aware the past 10 days have been somewhat challenging for the academy. We have seen a notable increase in the number of students and family members testing positive for Covid-19. We are also managing a growing number of staff who, having been notified by Test and Trace, are having to self isolate for 14 days. Over the last three days I have been in communication with RBKC and Public Health England and they are confident that we are doing everything in our power to minimise transmission of the virus; they do agree that for the safety of all students and to ensure effective learning for all students, a temporary closure would be beneficial. Therefore the academy will be closed with immediate effect from tomorrow and will reopen on Tuesday 24th November.

If your child is in Y11 they will remain at home until the 30th November, as previously communicated. In addition if your child has been asked to self isolate as a result of being identified as a close contact to a positive case, they should not return until the date specified in the email you were sent.

Students will access lessons remotely through google classroom and their Academy day will be as normal, starting with coaching time or assembly at 8.30/8.40 followed by lessons. The Year 9 PCE will also continue as advertised on Thursday 19th November. If you have any issues with your child accessing google classroom please contact your child's Learning Coach. Students can also access helpful videos on the CALC. Do also visit this section of our website which may answer any questions you have.

We have not taken this decision lightly but believe it to be in the best interest of both students and staff. It will allow us to focus exclusively on remote learning for the next 3 'school' days and will ensure that when we reopen to students on Tuesday 24th November, we have increased staff on site.

The Academy will be in contact with you either this evening or on Thursday 19th November if your child has been identified as vulnerable.

I recognise the inconvenience to you this temporary closure may cause and apologise. You have been incredibly understanding and supportive of the decisions we have taken to date regarding Covid-19. I thank you for this. We are all desperate to return to normal at the Academy and hopefully it will not be too long before we can.

Please keep our academy community in your prayers and we look forward to welcoming some students back on Tuesday 24th November.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal