

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 the decisions we make as a school. In light of the current public health emergency, it is with regret that we have had to make the decision to carry out an enforced partial closure to **Year 8** where currently 45% of students are self-isolating. At this moment in time, exceptional levels of staff absence for the next few days mean that we cannot safely accommodate all students in the academy. We have made the decision to close to Year 8 from **Monday 23rd November** to **Friday 27th November**.

Year 8 students should return to the academy on Monday 30th November unless they are still in an isolation period. Should staffing levels improve, and it becomes safe to do so, we will alert you that we are reopening to Year 8 sooner than the 30th November.

Students in year groups 7, 9, 10 and 11 will return to the academy on Monday 23rd unless they are still in an isolation period.

### **Home Learning**

We have a strong plan in place for home learning via Google Classroom. Students should be up and learning by 8:25am each morning. They should go to their Year 8 Classroom which will contain a schedule for any live lessons for the day 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.


All students have been shown how to access Google Classroom and we have checked that they have their login and password details. Students have this information which will be in their planner. Should you need any support with Google Classroom then please contact us using [enquiries@freeton.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@freeton.outwood.com)

### **Guardian Summaries**

Parents and carers having access to what tasks have been assigned on Google Classroom will ensure that you are kept up to date with the tasks set by teachers for your child so that you can support their learning. See below for more information.

**NEW**

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We have a **'NEW'** feature added into Google Classroom, to keep you updated with information about the learning and progress for your child. Just complete the opt-in Google Form *with* your child and you can then select to receive daily or weekly learning updates. *(Please note: this must be completed through their student outwood google account).*

These emails, known as **'Guardian Summaries'**, include information about missing work, upcoming work, and class activity including announcements and questions posted in the class stream.

**SIGN UP NOW!** More information can be found here: [Classroom.freeston.outwood.com](https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com)  
 Google Form Quick Access: <http://guardian-summaries.outwood.com>

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### 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. These are available from Main Reception between 9am and 2pm.

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

Yours faithfully



Lisa Allott  
Principal

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