

Ref: BPE/EWA/PartialSchoolClosure

18 November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this finds you well and you are staying safe and healthy during this time.

As you will know, the on-going unpredictability of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to pose a number of challenges to our local community. We are continuing to work closely with Public Health England to help manage both the Academy's and the wider response to Covid-19, as cases rise across the community.

Since September, our robust Operating Procedures have meant that disruption to our specific school provisions has been kept to a minimum and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with this.

Due to increasing number of cases throughout our local area, and the wider implications this has on our staff and their families, in addition to a number of staff who are self-isolating, as a precautionary measure and in line with government guidelines, we have taken the difficult decision to close the Academy to the following year groups, as outlined below, due to staffing shortages:

**The Academy will be closed for the following Year Groups on the following days:**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Year 10**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Year 9**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Year 8**

Currently, we plan to welcome pupils back to the Academy from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, at which point we are predicting that our staffing levels will return to a capacity where we can deliver a normal functioning timetable.

We appreciate this may be a difficult time however, the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, parents and staff and the wider school community, must remain our top priority.

To ensure as minimal disruption to learning as possible, we have broken down the closures so that pupils can continue to access to the majority of their normal teachers or redeployed CoPA teachers, on the days that they are in the Academy. On the days above where they are not in the Academy, pupils can access their learning materials and activities through their online learning platforms.

We will be in touch shortly to share more information about the remote learning packages for pupils in Year 8, 9 and 10 on the days where they are not in the Academy. This will be a blended model of online work and live lessons with their teachers. Your child's Year Team will also be in contact very soon with a survey. Please indicate on this survey whether your child does or does not have access to a device at home. We are able to provide devices where they are needed.

For the days that pupils are not in the Academy, parents and carers whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals will receive vouchers from the Academy which will be of the value of £3.00 per day, per child.

I would like to thank you for your anticipated and on-going support during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy via 01733 821440 or by emailing Mrs Warner on [ewarner@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org](mailto:ewarner@cityofpeterboroughacademy.org)

Yours sincerely



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