

7 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well.

Unfortunately, we have a significant number of staff absences. As a result, I have made the decision to close the school for all of Year 8 as we cannot staff their lessons and keep students safe. Finding staff from agencies is also incredibly difficult and often we cannot get supply teachers in.

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. Therefore, whilst at home, Google Classroom is the means by which teachers will set work for their classes. In order for parents/carers to support their children at home, we have created a [Home Learning webpage](http://homelearning.outwood.com) (homelearning.outwood.com) which provides you with guidance on how to access Google Classroom with your child.

Lessons will be available for all subjects and the timings of each lesson will follow the school day. For each lesson there will be work and resources uploaded to Google Classroom. The independent work which they will then complete at home should then be submitted to their usual teacher via Google Classroom. If your child is unable to log into Google Classroom (for example, if they have forgotten their password) please contact Gary Ives:

g.ives@hemsworth.outwood.com

If your child is unable to access work from home, please contact Gary Ives on the email above to arrange for support from the academy.

This is a suggested timetable for Year 8 which you may want your child to follow. As lessons are recorded or resources uploaded, this offers flexibility when your child can access their lessons.

	Period 1 8.45 – 9.45	Period 2 9.45 – 10.45	Period 3 11.00 – 12.00	Period 4 12.30 – 1.30	Period 5 1.30 – 2.30
Monday 10 January	Whole school classwork. This work is available on your child's year group Google Classroom by Mr Ives				
Tuesday 11 January	Spanish	Maths	Science	Geography	English
Wednesday 12 January	Maths	English	Drama	DT	PE
Thursday 13 January	Science	Maths	History	Art	Maths

Further work is also available to all students via

- Hegarty Maths
- Oak National Academy
- BBC Bitesize
- <https://science.outwood.com/>
- <https://sites.google.com/outwood.com/maths/home>

For students in receipt of free school meals, if you would like a lunch hamper prepared for the rest of the week please contact Sue Vaughan (Catering Manager) at s.vaughan@hemsworth.outwood.com or ring the academy on 01977 624220.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is essential that we safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

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 send your child to Reception in the morning at their usual school start time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime, we look forward to seeing your child on the remote learning platform from Monday 10 January and then back in school from Friday 14 January.

Yours faithfully



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Principal