



St. Edward's Church of England Academy

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<http://stedwards.academy>

Tuesday 19th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that the Academy has taken the difficult decision to move our Year 8 learning provision to remote learning from Wednesday 20th October 2021.

This will mean that all Year 8 pupils will need to remain at home and be ready to learn online following a normal timetable for the remainder of this week.

This decision has been taken to ensure everyone's safety in light of the rapidly rising number of positive Covid-19 cases within the Academy particularly in Year 8. The decision focuses on two major factors:

- 1) To maintain the operational running of the Academy when a rising number of staff are not present
- 2) To reduce or constrain the spread of the Covid-19 virus within the Academy and the local community.

At this point all other pupils in Year 5, 6 and 7 are to attend the Academy as normal, however we are monitoring the number of cases very closely and will update you should this situation change.

Remote Learning:

Pupils will access remote learning through Teams and this will follow the same timetable as the normal school day.

There is a video on the Academy website that demonstrates how to access Teams. All pupils have been shown how to do this in lessons and should have their passwords and log in details.

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If you have any concerns please use the Contact Form on the website to raise your query and we will contact you as soon as possible.



Companies House number: 08316327

Guidance from the Director of Public Health for Staffordshire:

In reaction to the local situation and in discussion with the Local Outbreak Team please can parents and carers consider following the guidance below:

If a pupil who has a confirmed case of Covid-19 has siblings who attend the Academy please can they remain at home for 2 day prior to getting a PCR test. This is to ensure that they are not asymptomatic, to ensure the safety of everyone within the Academy and to slow the spread of the virus.

This will also be the case until the half term for those pupils who are identified, by the Academy, as close contacts.

Caution over Half Term:

Whilst I know that we are all looking forward to a rest and a chance to socialise over the half term. Please can I request that parents and carers help the Academy and our community by considering and reducing the number of interactions and social gatherings pupils are taking part in. I do not want to stop anyone having a good holiday however, I must also urge caution in order to keep everyone safe and to reduce the spread of the virus.

If you should need to contact the Academy with a concern or query, please use the Academy Contact form from the website so that we can reply to you as quickly as possible.

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The Academy will hopefully resume as normal after the half term and we will be monitoring this situation and keep you up to date with the situation. Please report any positive cases of Covid-19 to us using the link above during the half term break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Hutchinson
Principal