

15th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

For Parents of Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11

We are writing to you as parents of students who are currently not able to access education at Outwood Academy Ripon. The purpose of this letter is to update you with the changes of provision at the academy from Monday 15th June.

We are currently open to children where both parents are designated “critical workers” and also children considered to be vulnerable. For these students we are providing child supervision at the academy. If you feel you are a critical worker, the definitions from the UK Government can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you feel that you meet these criteria and would like your child to attend please contact me via email:

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You will be aware that we have been providing this service since 23rd March; however, from Monday 15th June we will also be welcoming Year 10 students back into the academy during the day. We have worked hard to make the academy environment safe for all in the building. At the end of this month, we also say “farewell” to our Year 11 students, as Friday 26th June marks their last official day of school.

For students who will still be working from home, we will continue to set, assess and feedback via the Google Classroom platform. There has been much excellent work submitted by students and we are planning a “virtual” awards evening to recognise this. There are also regular VMG activities being posted on Google Classroom so that children can maintain a pastoral link with the school. We continue to post useful links and competitions on both social media streams and you can find details of these below.

Thank you for the continued support you are giving to your children with their home learning. Having a learning routine really helps pupils plan and keep on top of their work. We really appreciate the supportive comments we receive as well as the sharing of concerns. As we have said previously, we continue to develop our online learning and parental and pupil input is important in doing this.

If your child is booked in to attend any provision and you have a change in circumstances, such that they will not be attending on that day, please follow the usual absence reporting procedure of calling reception on (01765) 604564. Phone lines will be live from Monday 15th. If your child is expected and does not arrive, and we have not been notified of a reason, we will follow the normal procedure of calling parents to confirm the absence. During this time, attendance will be recorded slightly differently. Please read more about this here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-foreducational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-openingfrom-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-toprepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june-2020>.

There has been much discussion over the weeks about the benefits of children returning to school as soon as possible. We will work within government direction and social distancing constraints to do all we can to make this happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting us and your child through this time. Further information is available through our Facebook page or Twitter site @outwoodripon. If you have any further questions please send them to enquiries@ripon.outwood.com

Yours faithfully



Mr Hayden

Vice Principal

