

18 March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

**PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE – YEARS 9, 10 AND 12 ONLY – THURSDAY 19 AND FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2020**

As you are aware, the Government has advised that all vulnerable groups and anybody who has family members showing symptoms self-isolate for 14 days. This has resulted in a drop-in student attendance but has also affected staffing levels within the college.

We have staff who are pregnant, asthmatic, have family members who are vulnerable or showing symptoms and the staffing levels have therefore been severely affected.

Unfortunately, it has become impossible to run the college safely and effectively with the current staffing numbers and therefore I have taken the decision to only admit Years 7, 8, 11 and 13 on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March 2020. **Years 9, 10 and 12 should remain at home. Parents of students in Years 9 and 10 who work within the front-line services e.g. NHS, and would rather have their son/daughter in school due to childcare issues please do not hesitate to send them in as normal.**

I fully appreciate that this may cause disruption to your normal family routine, however this decision has been taken to support those parents with younger students, in particular in years 7 and 8, to prevent the additional need for childcare. I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

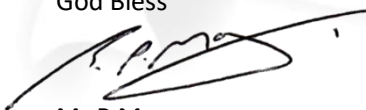
Students are being issued today with remote learning packs which provide access to online learning in the event of a **full college closure**. Included are also details of websites and other platforms your child can access from home to support their learning.

**We have 50 students in year 9, 10 and 12 who are entitled to free school meals. For these students, the college is aiming to provide a 'grab and go' packed lunch. If you wish to collect a lunch please do so between 10.00-10.30am from the Aquinas House (old caretakers house) using the back-gate entrance only. If you are unable to collect the lunch we will do our very best to deliver to as many households as possible. If you do not want this provision can you please email the college by 9.30am on [info@bmilner.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@bmilner.dudley.sch.uk), as we do not want food to go to waste.**

In the event of a full school closure there will be a number of lessons delivered during term time through Microsoft Teams, where students will have access to their members of staff during the week in addition to set work for completion and return. This will hopefully minimise any disruption to students learning.

It is an extremely difficult time for everyone, let us take the time to look after ourselves, each other and our wider community.

God Bless



Mr R May  
Principal