



Nova Hreod Academy

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Dear Parent,

Attending the Academy During the Time of Closure

I am writing to confirm that your child/children meet(s) the criteria to attend the academy during the time of closure that begins on Monday 23rd March.

We look forward to welcoming those students who meet the criteria for being in school. However, the arrangements will differ to what they are used to in coming to school and I want to ensure that parents are fully aware of what their children can expect in attending.

Those pupils attending the Academy will be supervised by staff during the school day. We will only have a small number of staff in school on any day but will aim to keep students in small groups.

Pupils will be following the programmes of work that all other pupils at the Academy will be studying from home. There will be not generally be additional teaching taking place for those attending school.

The school day will be as follows: 09.00 – 15.00. The morning session will be 09.00 – 13.00 and the afternoon session will be 12.30 - 15.00. The early close is due to the fact that our premises and cleaning staff need to carry out additional cleaning duties at the end of each day so that we can maintain the highest standards of cleanliness. Pupils will enter and leave the school via the Beech Avenue entrance and will be signed in on arrival. A registration will be held as normal for those due to attend. If your child will not be attending on any day, please do inform us by email to closure@novahreodacademy.org.uk.

Catering arrangements will be as follows:

- Pupils who are entitled to free school meals will be able to use their allowance as usual.
- A reduced menu of hot and cold food will be available
- Nova pupils who are not eligible for free school meals can purchase food using cash.
- Pupils may bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

The school's existing policies on behaviour and attendance will continue to apply. Our high expectations on how students behave, treat staff and each other have not changed. This includes not using mobile phones on site during the school day. However, pupils are not required to wear school uniform. We advise that pupils wear casual clothes that are suitable for sporting activities. Please arrange for your child to wear trainers or to bring a pair of trainers with them each day.

We will be following a strict regime within the school to minimise the risk of infection from COVID-19. Each pupil will be expected to follow this as directed by staff.

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Any pupil who appears unwell and displays symptoms of COVID-19 in school will be immediately isolated and parents contacted to bring them home at once. They will then be unable to return to school until after their period of self-isolation.

These arrangements will remain in place until further notice. We will endeavour to keep the Academy open for your child throughout the closure period. If we are constrained in our ability to do so for any reason we will let you know as soon as possible.

If you have any urgent questions please contact the email address listed above.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation

Yours sincerely

Ruth Robinson
Executive Principal