

Hayle Academy

18 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Hayle Academy Partial Closure: School Site Closed to Students in Years 9 and 10 on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November

With regret, I am writing to inform you that Hayle Academy will be closed to students in Years 9 and 10 on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th November. This partial closure is in response to exceptionally high levels of staff absence, as a result of multiple staff absence because of Covid 19, on top of other seasonal illness. Whilst we have been able to bring in some additional supply teachers, we cannot continue to safely open to all students this week. We very much hope we will only be closed to these 2 year groups for Thursday and Friday and that we will be able to fully re-open on Monday 23rd November.

In order to minimise the impact on our students' education, for these 2 school days students in Years 9 and 10 will need to use our remote learning provision. This will include 'live lessons', aligned with students' timetables and taught by subject specialists wherever possible. Where their usual teacher is absent, students will have work set to complete as they would for a 'cover lesson'. The school has limited numbers of laptops available for disadvantaged students who have no access to IT provision at home. If your child receives free school meals and does not have the IT equipment they need to study at home please contact us. Parents can phone Reception on 01736 753009 or email enquiries@hayleacademy.net

I know that this unavoidable closure to Years 9 and 10 will be inconvenient for our families and I am very sorry that we have had to partially close the school for this short period of time. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly. Our procedures for closure in these circumstances are to prioritise on-site provision for Year 11 and our youngest students. We hope parents will understand and support this decision: Year 11 are closest to their final exams, and Year 7 and 8 are younger and therefore place more demands on families for supervision when they are at home. Our Year 9 and 10 students are of an age when they should largely be able to manage their learning through our online teaching. Students who need support during the day can contact their teachers, tutors and our pastoral and safeguarding teams via their emails.

School buses and taxis for children in Years 7, 8 and 11 as well as our school meals provision will continue as usual on Thursday and Friday. For children in Years 9 and 10 who receive free school meals, we will provide a £5 supermarket voucher to ensure that they do not miss out on this important support. The vouchers will be sent to you early next week.

We expect a number of our teachers to be able to return to school next week and therefore I hope that our partial closure will be temporary with Hayle Academy fully open for 'business as usual' on Monday. I will contact parents on Friday to confirm the arrangements for next week.

On behalf of staff and Governors, I would like to thank parents for their continued support and partnership and, as always, our staff team are on hand to provide advice should you need us. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any assistance or if you have any questions about your child's support, education or progress.

Yours faithfully,



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