

Hayle Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Temporary Partial Closure at Hayle Academy

With regret, I am writing to inform you that Hayle Academy will be **closed to students in Year 9 on Tuesday 15th March and to students in Year 8 on Wednesday 16th March**. This partial closure is in response to high levels of staff absence, as a result of a number of cases of COVID-19, on top of other seasonal illness. Whilst we have been able to bring in some additional supply teachers, there is also a high level of absence among supply agency staff and as a result we cannot continue to safely open to all students this week. We very much hope we will only be closed to one year group each day for Tuesday and Wednesday and that we will be able to fully re-open on Thursday 17th March.

In order to minimise the impact on our students' education, for these 2 school days students working from home will need to use our remote learning provision, via Show My Homework. Work will be set in line with students' timetables. Wherever possible, teachers will offer a 'live' element to the lesson, however dependent on the teacher's absence, and the needs for covering of lessons in school, it may be the case that the live element cannot be offered. Teachers will make this clear in the work set. 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 8 and 9 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 and we hope parents will understand and support this decision: Whilst our absolute commitment is to prioritise face-to-face provision, there is also a need to maintain appropriate and safe levels of supervision in school. 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 all other children, as well as our school meals provision will continue as usual on Tuesday and Wednesday.

We anticipate that a number of our teachers will be able to return to school from Thursday and therefore I hope that our partial closure will be temporary with Hayle Academy fully open for 'business as usual' on Thursday. I will contact parents on Wednesday to confirm the arrangements for the rest of the 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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