

23/03/2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Arrangements for students on school site

Thank you for your support in keeping your child at home, if possible. Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, has urged parents/carers to **only send their children to school if you have to because your work is critical to the Covid-19 response.**

The majority of our parents/carers have taken note of this advice, which has resulted in us being able to operate a small skeleton staff to minimise social contact between your child, their peers and our staff. This is becoming even more essential following the recent Government action to reduce social contact further through the closing of gyms, pubs, restaurants and other public places.

We now have the necessary details of the students who will be on site this week. This means we are able to put a number of safeguarding measures in place for both students and staff. **I would stress the need for all parents/carers to read out these measures to their child before they come onto school site this week.**

Safeguarding measures in place:

1. Core hours will be between 8.30a.m. and 2.30 p.m. There will be a range of educational and enrichment activities throughout the day
2. The school site will be secured as usual to safeguard students.
3. Students will need to register in the dining hall. They will be expected to sit a suitable distance away from one another i.e every other seat.
4. Each morning we will remind them of the Public Health advice about social distancing, regular hand washing and not making physical contact with others.
5. Students will be in a large ICT classroom. They must sit well apart from one another to follow guidelines regarding social-distancing whilst in school.
6. Lunchtime students will be able to sit in the main hall for lunch and go into the schoolyard for some 'fresh air'. Again, they will be reminded of being at a suitable distance from one another whilst not leaving this area for ease of supervision.
7. We will aim to deliver some physical activities on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students will need to be in appropriate clothing for this. Sports activities will be no contact and these will be conducted in small groups so they can space out, again to meet social distancing guidance.
8. Staff will also be following Government advice on social distancing as best they can and students should be mindful of this. We are operating a staff rota each day; therefore students will be supervised by a variety of staff members throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in keeping both your children and our staff safe whilst the school remains open for vulnerable students and key worker children.



Seana Rice
Principal

Outwood Academy Bydales Trust, a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales with company number 06995649.

Registered office address: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF.

VAT number: 158 2720 04. Outwood Grange Academies Trust is an exempt charity.

A list of Directors' names is open to inspection at our registered office.