

October 22nd 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. We have had a very busy and very productive half term and continue to be so proud of how our students have settled back into school and embraced our new protocols and routines. Our attendance continues to be strong and well above both local and national averages. Thank-you for your continued support in ensuring that students attend, on time, every day.

During our half term holiday, please can I ask that you continue to keep us informed of any Covid-19 related issues. Please can we ask you to continue to notify us if a student at the Academy tests positive for Covid-19 over the half term period (Fri 23 October – Mon 2 November). This will allow us to ensure that we are able to continue to monitor and support students/parents/ carers as well as respond to any cases and take the required actions with regards to self-isolation and the notification of close contacts. Please email us on covid@airedaleacademy.com if a student has a positive test result providing the name and year group of the child who has tested positive, as well as a phone number that you can be contacted on for further details. If a student goes for a test, or has a test and tests negative please, email us on info@airedaleacademy.com . These emails will be manned throughout the holiday period.

A reminder that as we are in Tier 2 at time of writing, face coverings must be worn in school in communal areas and when not in lessons, unless students are medically exempt. Please ensure that your child has a face covering with them every day.

We are noticing that a small minority of our students are coming to school without correct uniform. Please can I stress to all parents and carers the importance of uniform and of following school expectations. As it gets colder, please ensure that your child attends wearing a coat; a polite reminder that hooded jumpers, either pullover or zip up are not allowed in school. Trainers are not acceptable footwear and skirts need to be tailored (not Lycra / stretchy) and of an appropriate length. Progress Leaders and Hub Staff will follow up all uniform issues by contacting home.

Finally, we will be making some changes to the location of year group bubbles after half term. Year 9 students will move to the Maths and English block and Year 11 students will move to the ADT block. This is to ensure that Year 11 students have access to specialist classrooms in order to complete coursework and to prepare for exams next summer. Both year groups will keep the same timings for their school day. Year 11 will now enter and leave site via the middle gate near the Library building and Year 9 will use the main school entrance. Year 8 will be moved to last lunch each day, in the lower canteen at 1:05pm each day. All students have been informed of these changes in advance of the end of this half term.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank-you for your continued support and to wish you all a restful half term.

Yours faithfully



Miss Proctor
Principal