

18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

PARTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURE AFFECTING YEAR GROUPS 8 AND 9

Smith's Wood Academy will remain open only to students in Years 7, 10 and 11.

In consultation with the CEO of the Fairfax Multi Academy Trust, the Senior Team and I have had to make the difficult but pragmatic decision to partially close Smith's Wood Academy based on the safe levels of staffing required to ensure student safety.

We are prioritising keeping the academy open to year groups that have forthcoming examinations.

The partial closure will be in place for Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March at this stage and will be reviewed daily in this rapidly changing national landscape.

As Head of Academy, I sincerely appreciate these are difficult times, but rest assured that student safety is our highest priority.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in maintaining some sort of 'normal' school routines and encouraging your children to undertake the work set by teachers. Details of this can be found on our Academy website in the latest Coronavirus Update (Found in the News and Events section).

We will continue to update you via our school website and the MyEd app.

We will continue to follow the guidelines from Public Health England and further support and advice can be sought by visiting their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Craig
Head of Academy