



Friday, 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Unavoidable Partial Academy Closure Due to High Levels of Staff Absence

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 only

Monday, 16th March 2020

Please note that Year 10 and Year 11 should attend as normal.

It is with regret that, due to high levels of staff absence, the academy will be closed to Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 as of next Monday, 16th March 2020. Although it is anticipated that all year groups will be returning as normal from Monday, 23rd March, the situation will be reviewed daily. Please refer to the academy's website for daily updated information:

www.southshoreacademy.co.uk

To reassure you, **we have no confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school!** This partial closure is about managing the school safely given higher levels of staff absence as people follow the government's new advice about self-isolating.

Continuation of Learning

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 are encouraged to access their year group's Knowledge Organisers via the academy website to support home learning in the first instance. Further work will be added throughout the week.

For students in Year 9 work will be accessible via the website as of Monday.

Please contact the academy, should paper copies be required.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for a free school meal, packed lunches will be available daily for takeout.

Students should attend the main office between **12 noon and 1 p.m.** to collect their lunch if required.

Please note, that due to staff absence, there will be no facilities for students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 to eat their lunch on site.

Year 10 and Year 11

It is imperative that students in Year 10 and Year 11 attend the academy as normal to enable them to continue to study for their GCSEs.

We apologise for the inconvenience the partial closure may cause. Please refer to the academy website for daily updates.

Yours sincerely

Neil Reynolds

Headteacher

