



Wednesday 18th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of CAB + Students

During the last 2 weeks in line with the raising infection rate for Covid-19 that is happening nationally and locally we have had several positive staff cases, and we also have a number of staff who are having to remain at home for isolation or childcare reasons due to their own children's school sending students home.

Due to the challenges around staffing, specifically staff who work in CAB +, and keeping students safe, I have unfortunately had to take the decision that CAB + students do not attend the Academy on Thursday 19th or Friday 20th November.

This is a difficult decision to make, but I must ensure that at all times students can be safely cared for onsite and next week this would not be possible with the numbers of staff available.

The nature of Covid-19 is that the picture is dynamic and can change very rapidly, but at this time we fully expect CAB + students to return on Monday 23rd November.

Please note that although CAB + students are being asked to learn at home, this is not self-isolation and they are able to leave the house in line with the current lockdown restrictions, for example for exercise or in order to shop for essential supplies, <u>unless you have been informed that</u> your CAB + student should isolate.

Work packs have been given to students where you have requested them, and the work is available online for those who have stated that they would rather work online.

Students who are entitled to free school meals will be sent a supermarket voucher as soon as possible to cover the values of the meals for the 2 days.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding and please do accept my apologies for the inconvenience that this will undoubtedly cause for you and your families. The decision has not been taken lightly and student safety is always my priority.

Please do contact me if you have any concerns.

Very best wishes,

Jon Angell

Principal of City Academy

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