

Great Wyrley Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to write to you all as we come to the end of the third week in the latest lockdown to thank you for your ongoing support with the remote education of the students. The introduction of 'Class Charts' has made the monitoring of engagement so much more efficient and the regular communication with yourselves has helped encourage students to complete their remote learning more effectively. I would encourage all parents to download the Class Charts app and register if you haven't yet done so.

Thank you to the many of you who have sent messages of support and thanks to individual staff and to the school in general. At this time in particular it means a lot.

Staff INSET day

Just to remind you that, as per our calendar, next Friday (29 January 2021) is a staff INSET day. Students will still be able to access Google Classrooms, do revision and complete outstanding work, but new work will not be set and live lessons will not take place that day.

Google Guardian

You should expect to receive an invite to Google Guardian early next week. Google Guardian provides a weekly summary of Google Classroom activity, including approaching deadlines, missed deadlines and details of work set via Google Classroom. Use the link in the email to access your Google Guardian account. We are sure you will find this information useful, allowing you to support your child with managing workload during these difficult times. This will complement the messages and communication you receive from Class Charts.

For more information about Google Guardian visit this link:

https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6388136



Year 11 Parents Evening

As per the communication earlier this week to parents, a virtual parents evening will be taking place at the beginning of February for Year 11. Please book appointments following the instructions in the letter that was sent out.

Parent Questionnaire

We are asking for your opinions on how remote education is going for your child / children. Please go to the following link and fill out the questionnaire

Secondary Parent / Carer Questionnaire: Children working from home

Free School Meals

We have had it confirmed that those who qualify for a free school meal will continue to be sent email vouchers through WONDE.

Remote Learning guidance

Remote Learning guidance for students and parents can be accessed herehttps://sites.google.com/windsor.windsoracademytrust.org.uk/student-and-parentguidance/home

This includes information on the current government consultation on the awarding of exam grades.

Please contact support@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk if you require technical support or a device to help your child study.

A reminder that if you need advice on how to stay safe online during this period of closure the following are useful websites

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/ https://www.internetmatters.org/ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

If you have any safeguarding concerns, online or otherwise the names of the Safeguarding team are at the end of this letter with the relevant email address.

Yours sincerely

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Useful Information

Keeping up to date

Letters and parent bulletins can be found on our News tab or using the links on the Parent page of the school website. Follow us on the usual social media platforms.

Student illness

Please let us know if your child is ill and unable to complete their Google Classroom work by emailing info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk. Please let us know how long you think they will be unable to complete the work and if the illness is suspected coronavirus

Questions or queries

General questions or concerns about your child, the work set or other issues please email info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Safeguarding

The Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team members are:-

Mr C Bailey Ms J Foyle Mr D Fielder

Please email <u>cbailey@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u> if you have any concerns in the first instance.

However, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child outside of school hours please call First Response on 0800 131 3126. If there is an urgent response needed, please phone 999 or 111.

For anything else please email <u>info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk</u> or use the contact us page on our website.