

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## CODA Friday Update

We hope that you are well and staying safe.

## Remote Learning

We would like to thank the whole community for your commitment to your child's learning. That includes our staff for providing a full curriculum of quality learning; our students for their attendance, hard work and engagement in lessons; and our parents for supporting their children getting into Teams lessons. We have never been prouder, keep it up! As a reminder to parents, if your child is struggling to access Teams lessons please let us know so we can support you.

## Children's Mental Health Week

We would also like to thank everyone involved in the fantastic work for Children's Mental Health Week. There have been lots of videos, tips and strategies shared between the community as well as an openness to talk about mental health. We finished the week off with a whole school community 'live' event this morning. Attendance was that high, we had to record the event so those who could not join, because we reached the maximum allowed, could access it at a later time. The video will be posted on the school website later. Quite frankly, AMAZING! Well done everyone. A special thanks need to go to Mrs Tomblin and Mr Lowe-Bird who have led all of the activities this week.

## Coronavirus Update

There have been some changes to the Coronavirus guidelines that I want to share with you. I urge all members of the community to self-isolate and get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

1. Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into the school if they have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms **or live in a household with someone who does**. In addition, they should not come into school if someone in their household has tested positive in the last 10 days.
2. As a reminder the main symptoms are
  - a. High temperature
  - b. New, continuous cough
  - c. Loss or change to your taste or smell

## Free School Meals

CODA has been providing Edenred vouchers to our families eligible for Free School Meals. I have decided to fund Free School Meals for those eligible over half term as well. The vouchers for half term week will not be from Edenred but will be emailed to you direct from school.

For the week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February you will receive two vouchers; one from Edenred on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and one voucher from school. We hope to get the vouchers provided by school emailed to you before we break up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## **Year 'Assessment Window'**

After half term, all year 11 students will be completing assessments online. These assessments will give teaching staff another piece of graded work to support with assigning Centre Assessed Grades. Communication has been sent out to the year group so please look out for it. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's ability to complete online assessments, please contact the Deputy Headteacher Mr. Harding ([aharding@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto:aharding@cityofderbyacademy.org)) or the Head of Year 11 Mr. Cholerton ([dcholerton@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto:dcholerton@cityofderbyacademy.org)).

Kind Regards

Proud Senior Leadership Team at CODA