







2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

As part of the school's commitment to educate our students beyond the curriculum, during week commencing 8th March, we will be delivering three lessons looking at Covid-19, to all students during their timetabled Science lessons. The lessons will cover a range of topics around Covid-19, in a scientific and non-sensational way.

The content of the three lessons is going to include:

## Lesson 1

What is coronavirus? How diseases are transmitted The effects of Covid-19 on the body

## Lesson 2

Risk factors for Covid-19 Viral load and the virus in the home Safety measures in school

## Lesson 3

How have vaccines been developed and how do they work? How to evaluate and understand information from social media

We fully understand that some of our students have been affected by the issues we will be covering during these lessons. We appreciate the sensitive nature of the content and want to give you the opportunity to withdraw students from the lessons, if you feel it is appropriate. If that is the case, please email the school directly: office@thehalifaxacademy.org

We want to give students the knowledge, skills and understanding to evaluate the messages coming from the media about Covid-19, as well as reinforcing the message of keeping everyone safe during these unprecedented times. I hope you will feel able to support us in the delivery of these aims. If you or your child need additional support during this time, please feel free to contact Mr Eastwood by email using <a href="mailto:geastwood@thehalifaxacademy.org">geastwood@thehalifaxacademy.org</a> Yours sincerely

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