

21st July 2021



Arrangements for the Start of Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff team at Oasis Mayfield I would like to thank you for your support this year. We are proud of our Mayfield students and have been impressed with the way they have adapted to the challenges of learning during the pandemic.

As part of the easing of national restrictions, new guidance has been issued by the Government for schools ongoing Covid-19 precautions. I have summarised the precautions we will be taking in September on the final page of this letter. You [can also read the full Government guidance here](#).

I am writing with important information for the start of the new term in September.

1. Onsite testing and consent

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, the guidance stresses the importance of testing to reduce the risk of infection spreading within the academy. The guidance outlines that all secondary school students will receive two, on-site, lateral flow device (LFD) tests, 3 to 5 days apart, before or on their return in the autumn term.

To ensure a strong start to the new term, students will be required to have their first test **before** the first day of term.

- If your child will be in Y8-11 next year, they will be tested onsite here at Mayfield between 2pm-4.30pm on Thursday 2nd September **or** Friday 3rd September. There will not be an appointment system, students chose when to arrive during the testing window.
- If your child will be in Y7 next year, they will be tested onsite as part of their welcome day on Friday 3rd September from 12-2pm.

Year Group	Time	Date	Location
Years 8-11	2.00pm-4.30pm	Thursday 2 nd September or Friday 3 rd September	Theatre
Year 7	12-2pm	Friday 3 rd September	Theatre

Students will only be tested if they have your consent. You can review and update consent for onsite testing on the My Child At School (MCAS) App. The MCAS parent guide and further help can be found on our website <https://www.oasisacademymayfield.org/academy-life/my-child-at-school>

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2. Times of the academy day

The first full day back for all students is Monday 6th September.

	8.10am	8.30am	8.40am	9.40am	10.40am	11.00am	12.00pm	1.00pm	1.30pm	2pm	3pm
Year 7	Arrival 8.10am 8.30am Breakfast club available	Line up MUGA	Period 1	Period 2	Break No canteen service	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Tutor	Period 5	End of timetable day Clubs, classes and enrichment
Year 8		Line up MUGA	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Tutor	Lunch	Period 5	
Year 9		Line up MUGA	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Tutor	Period 5	
Year 10		Line up Outside Theatre	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Tutor	Lunch	Period 5	
Year 11		Line up Front of School	Period 1	Period 2		Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Tutor	Period 5	

3. Uniform

We are excited to announce the launch of our new Year Group ties. These will be given to students before the start of term, they will be ready to collect during the onsite lateral flow testing sessions. Each student will be provided with their first tie. After that, spares can be purchased from Skoolkit.

A reminder of our uniform expectations can be found on the academy website [Uniform - Oasis Academy Mayfield](#) for those of you who will be purchasing uniform ready for the new term. We are able to support families through our second-hand uniform shop. If you have any queries regarding this please contact karen.dawkins@oasismayfield.org.

4. Behaviour for Learning Policy - update

The localised behaviour for learning policy has been updated and can also be found on our website [Policies - Oasis Academy Mayfield](#). It would be helpful for you familiarise yourself with this before September. A key point to note is the change regarding same day detentions which may be up to 30 minutes. We will always make every reasonable attempt to communicate same day detentions with you.

5. Academy dining /Purchasing food

Please use MCAS for credits to your child's account. Parents/carers should ensure that students have sufficient funds in their account ready for the new term as unfortunately overdraft facilities are not available. Please note, the academy dining area is open for Breakfast Club and Lunch, there is no canteen service at break. Students are welcome to bring their own snacks and fill their water bottles during break time. A reminder of how to use MCAS for payments can be found here <https://www.oasisacademymayfield.org/academy-life/payment-system>

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6. Covid -19 precautions

We are pleased that some of the COVID-19 precautions are reducing, however we will only open safely if everyone continues to take the pandemic seriously. Students must only come to school if they are well, and everyone is responsible for following all precautions that remain in place. As is clear in the guidance, we as a school will be prepared to reintroduce further COVID-19 precautions should it be necessary, and we are advised to by Public Health England.

I have included a summary of the precautions we will be taking on the last page of this letter.

During these uncertain times there may need to be some changes to these arrangements. I will keep you updated should there be any changes to the arrangements above. If you have any queries or concerns in the meantime please contact info@oasismayfield.org so your query can be directed to the most appropriate person to help.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and safe summer.

Yours sincerely



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Covid-19 Precautions – September 2021 Summary

In line with the government guidance we will continue to emphasise:

- **Hand hygiene** washing hands often and the use of sanitiser stations around the academy.
- **Catch it, bin it, kill it** messaging and hygiene around sneezing, using and disposing tissues safely.
- **An enhanced cleaning schedule** will continue. Including a focus on frequently touched surfaces.
- **Ventilation** remains a key part of our risk management strategy and we will ensure all areas of the academy are adequately ventilated.
- **Students and staff must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid, have had a positive test, or need to quarantine.** If a student shows symptoms at school, parents will need to collect them and request a test. The household should follow the [Public Health England stay at home guidance](#) for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.
- **Risk assessments will continue to be reviewed regularly by Senior leaders.** If necessary and in consultation with Public Health England, we will make changes to our arrangements to increase the precautions we have in place.

The following are adaptations from September:

- **Bubbles and keeping students in consistent groups** is no longer recommended. This means that students will be able to use all of the subject specific classrooms and transition from room to room during the academy day. We will spend some time over the summer considering what will work best for student movement around the academy. The new guidance requires that we can move back to bubbles should positive cases rise within the academy or in our local community.
- **Identifying close contacts** and isolation will no longer be the responsibility of the school. NHS Test and Trace will contact the family of the student with a confirmed case to identify who they have been in close contact with. Children under the age of 18 will not be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed case, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR Test.
- **Face coverings** will no longer be advised for students, staff, and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, staff, visitors, and students may choose to wear a face covering and must follow the safety guidance around how to put one on and take one off safely. It is a requirement of the new guidance that we can quickly move back to wearing face coverings should positive cases rise within the academy or in our local community and Public Health England advise us to.
- **Home testing** will continue for students and staff who consent to take two LFD tests each week until the end of September when the government will review. Staff and students with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay-at-home guidance. A confirmatory PCR test should be taken within two days of the positive LFD test. A negative PCR result will override the self-test LFD and the student can return to school providing they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

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