



8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. Thank-you for your continued support and patience this week as our dedicated team of staff at Mayfield have made arrangements in response to the new national lockdown.

Academy Partial Closure

The Government announced that as part of a new national lockdown, schools in England will be closed until at least the February half-term holiday. Whilst the Government have resisted closing schools until now, this decision has been taken in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of coronavirus cases across the country and intense pressure on the NHS.

The Academy is now open only to those students who have a parent who is a critical worker, and those determined as vulnerable by the Government.

Live Learning

We have begun the delivery of online 'live' lessons to all of our Mayfield students, using Microsoft Teams. Students must attend their 'live' lessons throughout the day on a suitable device at home. It is vital they attend these lessons so that they do not miss important new learning. From Monday it will be possible to view your child's attendance at their online lessons from the My Child at School (MCAS) app.

We have also produced guidance for parents and students accessing remote learning via Microsoft Teams. You can find this, and other helpful remote learning resources, easily on our Academy website, using the following link www.oasisacademymayfield.org/curriculum/home-learning

Supporting remote education through technology

You will have seen in the news that if your child is accessing online learning through a mobile or other 4G device, we may be able to request that the data available to them is increased free of charge.

Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/OAMICT> to update us of the technology your child has to support them at home and request a data increase if eligible.

GCSE examinations

The government have announced that GCSE examinations will not be going ahead this summer. The organisation that oversees national examinations, Ofqual, will be releasing more information in due course about how results will be determined. Please be assured that we will be doing our utmost to ensure that every student receives the qualifications and grades that they deserve.

Free school meals

Families eligible for free school meals will receive a food hamper next week. This arrangement is in place until a sustainable longer-term solution can be developed. Strict social distancing will be in place for the collection of food hampers on Monday.

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Students eligible to attend the academy

Arrival times for those students eligible to attend the academy have been revised so they are aligned with the students that are learning from home. Finish times remain unchanged.

Student Bubble	Arrive at academy	Start time	Departure
Year 7	8.45am	9am	2pm
Year 8	9.15am	9.30am	2.35pm
Year 9	9.15am	9.30am	2.25pm
Year 10	8.45am	9am	3pm
Year 11	8.15am	8.30am	2.30pm

Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Please note, despite the introduction of the national lockdown, we are continuing our preparations for flow-testing for students currently eligible to attend school. I will write to you again with further information and please rest assured we will seek your consent before any tests are conducted.

I am incredibly proud of our academy community and would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to our students, we have been so impressed with their engagement in their live lessons and remote learning.

Yours sincerely,



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