



31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Returning to school in January – Update

Despite the disruption during this Christmas break, I hope you have had a chance to relax and spend some enjoyable time with your families.

I am writing to you today with a further update to our plans to bring our students back for the new term. This follows the Department for Education (DfE) announcement that there will be a change in arrangements for the return to schools over the next few weeks.

I apologise for the late notification of these changes, once again I am sharing these arrangements with you as quickly as I can.

In summary

- We have an INSET day in place on **Monday 4th January**. No student should attend school on this day.
- **Students in Years 7-11 whose parents are critical workers** or who are determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable' are able to attend school as originally planned from **Tuesday 5th January**.
- **Other students in Year 11** will access their normal lessons remotely from Tuesday 5th until Friday 8th January. They are required to return to school in person on **Monday 11th January**.
- **Other students in Year 7–10** will access their normal lessons from Tuesday 5th until Friday 15th January remotely. They are required to return to school in person on **Monday 18th January**.

The DfE has explained that the purpose of these changes is for two reasons. Firstly, the move to remote learning for many will create a longer gap of time between young people mixing at Christmas and returning to school, thus reducing the possible spread of COVID-19. Secondly, it will give school leaders time to set up a new national programme of mass COVID-19 testing in schools. This programme is being designed to identify those with the virus but without symptoms so that they can self-isolate, thereby minimising disruption.

Covid-19 testing within school

We are currently developing our plans for delivering Covid-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again next week when we know more about our local arrangements, and how we will gather your permission and consent for your child to be tested ahead of them returning to school. We will also explain arrangements for those who do not consent to the testing.

It is of the utmost importance that we plan, implement and then assess how best we can deliver Covid-19 testing within school. To do this we will take the next fortnight to ensure everything is in place, and that we have received your consent.

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What do I do now?

If you are a critical worker and require your child to attend the academy from the 5th January, and you have not already completed the survey or contacted us directly, please contact us at info@oasismayfield.org so that we can plan accordingly.

Providing they are well and do not have any Covid-19 symptoms (or are in a self-isolate period due to a confirmed case of Covid-19) we will look forward to welcoming your child on the 5th January.

Please note that all eligible children attending school from Tuesday 5th January should do so in full uniform. All aspects of our COVID-secure arrangements will be in place and students will be following their usual timetable at their usual Year Group Bubble start times.

Free School Meals

I am pleased to inform you that we will be continuing to provide all families eligible for free school meals with a £10 food voucher for the week beginning Monday 4th January, as a continuation of the scheme implemented over the Christmas break. This voucher should be redeemed using the eCode provided in an email received by Edenred.

Access to Remote Learning

To access remote learning your child will need to access their academy e-mail from home. Further details will follow and also be available on our website by the 4th January. If your child has any difficulty in accessing remote learning, please contact us at info@oasismayfield.org in the first instance.

I understand that this is a lot of information take on board. I we will be in touch again next week with further information on Covid-19 testing and your consent, and we will also be publishing updates on our website in due course. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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