



4th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Important Update – Tuesday 5th January

Further to my letter last week on the arrangements for the next couple of weeks, I am writing to you with an important update regarding tomorrow. All Oasis academies will be holding an additional INSET day on Tuesday 5th January, in addition to the one today.

I apologise for the late notice of this change but considering reports that the new variant of the coronavirus can travel between people more quickly, we wanted to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

The controls we have had in place at the school since September have worked well to keep our school community safe, and tomorrow we will be revisiting each to ensure we remain fully compliant. Our Health and Safety Committee will be meeting, and as a staff team we will revisit the safety measures we have in place.

All schools within the Oasis Community Learning family will be using the day to double, treble check the precautions, and if possible, introduce additional safeguards. Please rest assured that this is not due to any concerns at the Academy about the measures we have in place, rather we are taking the time to work through everything methodically –everyone’s health and safety is our priority.

What does this mean for my child?

Students whose parents are key workers or who are determined by the DfE as ‘vulnerable’ are to attend school from Wednesday 6th January, not Tuesday 5th January as previously communicated.

This provision is full time and all students who have been allocated a place are expected to attend the academy, unless they are unwell. Please follow usual absence procedures. They are to arrive and depart according to their year groups revised bubble times, as of January 2021. Students are to be in full school uniform, including face coverings.

All other students are to access their timetabled lessons remotely from Wednesday 6th January. Students in Year 11 will return to school in person on Monday 11th January. All other students are required to return to school in person on Monday 18th January.

Covid-19 testing within school

We are still developing our plans for delivering Covid-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again later this week, and how we will gather your permission and consent for your young person to be tested ahead of them returning to school.

Once again, I apologise for the late notice of this change; please rest assured that we are doing all that we can to make the Academy safe for everyone, reduce risk however we can, and to be open for as many of our pupils as is safely possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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