

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to you today, as promised, with the final detail for your student's full return to the Academy next week. Thank you for your patience whilst we plan the detail for you.

As you know our priority is the safety of our students, your family, and our staff. I outlined these measures in my letter last week, please make sure you are fully aware of the changes to the use of face coverings, and a new requirement for testing.

### A staggered return to school for Y11

In order to keep everyone safe and manage the complexities of testing so many students on their first day back, we will be having staggered start dates and times for each year group.

Y11 will return for their Induction day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. They will be invited in with their tutor group in order to have time and space to be safely tested, have the testing process clearly explained and talked through, and to have a 1:1 pastoral conversation about their return to full lessons and any support they may need.

Tutor Group	Induction start time
11Red	9.30am
11Orange	10am
11Yellow	10.30am
11Green	11am
11Blue	11.30am
11Indigo	12noon
11 Violet	12.30pm

Students will be on site for as long as they need to be tested and have a pastoral check in, we expect this to be between 30mins and 1 hour dependent on the support needed. During the induction day teachers will email out remote learning lessons as normal which can be completed at home around this appointment, these lessons will not be "live" to allow all students time to travel to the Academy around their learning.

Please note that the children of critical workers and those identified as 'vulnerable' are to continue to come to school as normal for a full day of remote learning up to and including the induction day. When the rest of their year group returns to full lessons on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, they will re-join their year group bubble.

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## Social Distance on the Induction Day

One of the key reasons behind the induction day is to test each student for asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 before they re join lessons and mix with other students. We hope that this additional safety measure will break any unknown chains of transmission and hopefully prevent students being forced to isolate for 10 days following close contact to a positive case.

For this reason, we will be asking students to remain 2m apart from each other at all times on the induction day, we will support them to do this with markings and spaced meetings. This way if we do identify a positive case then all other students will have maintained their distance and not need to isolate. Please could you support this by asking your child to travel to and from the Academy maintaining social distancing for their induction day, until all students in their bubble have a negative test result confirmed.

Once students have had their first negative test result we will not require students to social distance from each other, but we will ask them to wear a face covering when inside and not able to social distance. We will always encourage hands, face and space wherever possible to reduce the risk of transmission.

As before students will be asked to social distance from staff at all times.

## Details of induction day

Students can arrive via either gate for their induction day but should walk around to the student entrance by the MUGA and portacabin where they will be met by their teachers. Students need to arrive in full school uniform with their face covering, and will line up 2m distance with their tutor group before sanitising their hands and being taken on site for their testing and pastoral conversations. We will be operating a one-way system and students will leave via the bike shed gate.

No parents will be able to park on site during induction days and we are not able to have parent visitors to reduce virus transmission.

## How you get the test results

The Covid test is a Lateral Flow Rapid test, and we will know results within 30 minutes. We will only contact parents and students if the test is positive, and the student has Covid-19, in this scenario we will immediately call parents, and inform NHS Track and Trace so that your family can receive their full support.

If the test is negative you will not receive a phone call.

## The Return to full teaching

Y11 will return to full normal lessons from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, as per their timetable. They will need to arrive at the Academy each day between 7.40am and 8am, and walk to the MUGA to line up, as their tutor time starts at 8am. They will finish each day at 2.40pm.

Students will receive their second and third COVID-19 Rapid tests during their lessons on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, after which they will be given a home test kit to take twice each week.

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## Free School Meals

Students eligible for Free School Meals in Y11 will be able to pick up a packed lunch on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> during their induction day. From Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> lunches will be available as normal from the school canteen.

## I haven't consented for my child to have a Covid Test Yet

We are encouraging all parents to consent for their child to undergo three flow tests at school in order to increase the safety of your family and everyone at school by identifying any asymptomatic cases. My previous letter outlined the detail on these tests, which are quick and easy.

The quickest and easiest way to consent is by opening your MyChildAtSchool app, go to your child on the bottom bar, and then into the parental consent section on the left hand side, and click the slider to green to grant consent (or if online tick the consent box). You can find copies of all of the important information including the full consent form in the Important Documents Section. If you need any support with this process please email [info@oasismayfield.org](mailto:info@oasismayfield.org)

## What do I need to do now?

Up to and including the week of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we continue to welcome children of critical workers and those identified as 'vulnerable' at school, all other students will continue with their remote learning until their day when they return to school as indicated above.

I know that there is a lot of information here, but we wanted you to be fully informed. We will of course be supporting the students as they return, ensuring that they are confident with all the arrangements we have in place.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the Academy. If after reading everything you have any questions, we would be happy to help, please contact us at [info@oasismayfield.org](mailto:info@oasismayfield.org).

Yours sincerely,



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