



14th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

As we reflect on a tremendously busy term, first and foremost, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our partnership with you is extremely important to ensure your child receives the best possible quality of education. I have been delighted by the positive attitude and commitment of all our students to keeping us all safe in and around school this term and thank you too for your patience and support in managing the continuing and ever changing challenges posed by COVID19.

Our LORIC newsletter will follow in due course before the end of term, I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things our staff and students have done. The newsletter will also be available on our website and will be posted on twitter and Facebook.

Final day of term – Thursday 17th December

The Department for Education has announced that schools are permitted to close on Friday 18th December for an INSET day. They want to maximise the time between the end of term and Christmas Day so that if children develop symptoms before the 25th, they can isolate prior to mixing with family members from outside their household. Following consultation with Local Authorities and the DfE, Oasis Community Learning has decided to close all Oasis academies on Friday 18th. We do understand this will inconvenience some parents, while others have requested this. The key factor in this decision was what is best for the wellbeing of all our academy community.

Therefore, our last day of term will now be **Thursday 17th December, Years 7 will finish at 1.00pm and Years 10 and 11 will finish at 1.10pm.** The Academy bus service will arrive at this earlier time also. If you collect your child please make a note of this earlier finish time, thank you.

Students will return after the Christmas break on **Tuesday 5th January 2021** at the normal times.

Non school uniform day

Our last day of term, **Thursday 17th December will also be a non-uniform day!** We hope to see many Christmas jumpers too! Donations will be gratefully received and all proceeds will go to the Big Give crowdfund appeal, if you would rather do this in advance please go to:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/oasisoldham-christmas-hamper-campaign>

Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Before or on 23rd December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23rd December, please inform us by email at reportacovid19case@oasisoldham.org and a member of the academy will be in touch thereafter. Cases must be reported between 10.00am – 12.00noon, so that we can inform close contacts.

24th December – Tuesday 5th January

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App.

We also require you to let us know by leaving a message by emailing the academy at reportacovid19case@oasisoldham.org and a member of the academy will be in touch thereafter. Cases must be reported between 10.00am – 12.00noon.

Starting the new term

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us before bringing your child to school, and we can advise you.

In the New Year we will continue with all our precautions (class bubbles, social distancing, face coverings and visors, additional handwashing, staggered start and finish times etc.) so that we can open safely. We can only do this however if every family follows this advice and is extra vigilant of their child's health. Please only bring your child to school if they are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

Oasis Big Give 2020

The OAO Big Give has been a huge success and we have had well over 1,000 items donated thanks to your generosity. This year your contributions will be appreciated more than ever. The hampers are being assembled by our Oasis Hub Team and Student Leaders, ready to distribute to families in our local community. Thank you too for your generous words of kindness received as part of our extended Big Give initiative this year, our staff have been thrilled to receive such warm and appreciative notes from families and students, more on this in our LORIC newsletter!

Oasis Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16th December

Our Sodexo dining team will cook up a traditional festive lunch for all who choose to dine on Wednesday, a full turkey or vegetarian Christmas lunch and dessert and drink will be available for the same school lunch price of £2.20.

Festive Reward Assemblies

Festive Reward Assemblies are planned for the last day of term to highlight, celebrate and reward students with excellent progress, attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning, as well as recognising their contribution to academy life this term. I will address the entire academy community via Microsoft teams and then hand over to Heads of Year who have a special rewards event planned with lots of festive cheer!

As expected, it has been a challenging term but the children's determination to learn has been excellent. May I take this opportunity to wish students, parents and carers a happy, safe and peaceful festive season.

Yours sincerely



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