

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Year 8 & Year 9 Parents & Carers

**Re: School Closure for Years 8 and 9 Students**

I write to update you on the impact of the COVID-19 virus within the academy and our plans to address this. A number of colleagues are unable to attend school currently. Primarily because a large number of staff have been contacted via Track & Trace and advised to self-isolate. Either themselves directly, their partners or their own children are unable to leave home and this has a significant bearing on the safe management of our school. **As such, I have taken the decision to close the school to Years 8 and 9. Year 8 and 9 students will, after this afternoon, not return to school until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

Please note this decision has not been taken lightly, but the safety of staff and students is of paramount importance. Moreover, our staff and students are incredibly well-prepared for online learning. Year 8 and 9 students without a device at home have been offered a loan of one by the academy. If you are concerned about access please contact the Year 8 or 9 Pastoral teams on Monday for further support via the email [Year8team@oasisoldham.org](mailto:Year8team@oasisoldham.org) or [Year9team@oasisoldham.org](mailto:Year9team@oasisoldham.org). Students will receive their full timetable via Microsoft Teams from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am.

**Please note that we are only asking your child to learn from home because we do not currently have enough staff to have them at the Academy. They are not being asked to self-isolate.**

The school remains open to students in some other year groups, **including Year 9 students who attend either The Bridge or Gateway provision**, they must all attend school as normal.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via our MCAS app. If you do not yet have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question, you can call the Academy, but please be aware that our phone lines may be busy.

I would please ask that you continue to support the academy and work together through this uncertain time. Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation.

Warm regards



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