

4th January 2021

Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you with further important information and changes to our amended start to the January 2021 spring term in line with the most current guidance from the Department for Education.

Following further national meetings between the DfE as late as Sunday afternoon, Oasis Community Learning Trust have decided to extend the INSET period for staff to include both **Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th January**. The reason being this allows a more appropriate lead-in time to ensure everything is in place to be able to commence remote learning for students from **Wednesday 6th January** and to welcome in those students eligible to attend on site. Please note that this is a day later than we had originally planned and we thank you for your understanding as we respond to a continually changing national situation.

This letter follows on from my initial correspondence with you on 31st December. A further reminder of the detail within my first letter can be found at the end of this update.

Please find below a summary of key points to support both you and your child in knowing what is expected of them in the coming days.

Contact from your child's year team

Please expect a telephone call from your child's year team on Monday 4th January if:

- i. **You are a key worker**
- ii. **Your child meets the DfE criteria listed in the guidance provided in my letter dated 31st December – see link below**
- iii. **Your child does not have access to IT facilities from home**
- iv. **Your child was based in in either our Bridge, Gateway or SEND bubble provision in Term 1 or you have been informed that they are due to start or end this provision from January 2021**

The telephone call will establish your intention to accept the place available for your child in school during this period of remote learning. A member of your child's year team will also provide you with all key health and safety arrangements. Food and drink will be available on site for those in attendance with the usual payment arrangements for those not entitled to free school meals via MCAS. Those entitled to FSM will continue to receive their lunches in school in the usual way.

To help you prepare for your child's first day on site please find below a summary of what you should do to prepare your child to arrive to school should you/your child meet the above criteria* and accept the place on site during this period of partial closure to students.

- Usual start and end times to school day and entry/exit points
- Full school uniform & face covering essential and freshly laundered
- Bring own headphones if possible to support with learning and basic stationery
- Bring own bottle of water & hand sanitizer if at all possible

Students working remotely from home via Microsoft Teams from Wednesday 6th January

All students in years 7 -11 who are expected to work remotely from home should be ready to log in to Microsoft Teams in the usual way from **8.30am on Wednesday 6th January**. Their day will commence with an assembly from their Head of Year who will outline their home study timetable and expectations during the period of remote learning. We will share the timetables with you via our website so you can keep a track of their daily timetable and engagement. If you or your child want to refresh themselves on how to access Microsoft Teams you can do so by visiting this section of our website:

<https://www.oasisacademyoldham.org/curriculum/bubble-closure-support>

Providing the Government propose no further changes in the coming days by, we expect that **Year 11 students will return to school on Monday the 11th of January** - All other students (Year 7 – 10) will now also have their normal lessons from **Wednesday 6th until Friday 15th January delivered remotely**. Students are required to return to school in person on Monday 18th January, 2021 providing they are well and not displaying COVID symptoms or indeed self-isolating due to another person in the family home who is COVID positive. If this is the case, do contact school in the usual way to inform us of this information.

Free School Meal offer for those working remotely from home

If your child receives free school meals, then they will be able to collect a hamper from either Tuesday or Wednesday from the Academy. Please confirm, by telephone or email a.burns@oasisoldham.org if you wish to receive a hamper – we will then notify you of your collection date. Please note: we will not be providing vouchers for this period; the hampers will replace this.

Important letter from The Principal – Miss D Gobbi dated 31st December 2020

<https://www.oasisacademyoldham.org/news-and-events/latest-news/news-post-page/~board/oldham-news/post/letter-to-parents-december-31st-2020>
<https://twitter.com/OldhamOasis/status/1344688522251350017?s=20>

Thank you for your patience and continued support at what continues to be a concerning time for everyone in our community. Rest assured I will keep in regular contact with any changes to the detail outlined above.

Yours sincerely



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