

5th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

In light of the latest national lockdown restrictions announced by the Prime Minister on Monday the 4th January, I am getting in touch to update you with the plans for remote learning and student support for the next couple of weeks. When we know more about the landscape up to February half term, I'll get in touch again.

I would like to start by expressing my heartfelt sympathy to any family within our community who has lost a loved one over the Christmas break. As a school community, we remain committed to keeping our students and staff safe when they are with us on site. Equally, when we have to work remotely, we will continue the excellent work undertaken in the Summer term to foster our all-important community spirit. Whilst we cannot be sure how long these measures will be in place, we will do all we can to make sure school remains a constant support to our community.

Our staff are in the academy working today to plan for the forthcoming period of lockdown. In the first instance, our priority is that you and your child know what to expect from our remote learning offer and how to access our wider pastoral care and support.

As we enter into a second national lockdown phase, we feel confident in our knowledge and experience of providing quality remote learning following our first experience of this last academic year. We have been able to reflect on how best to deliver learning via Microsoft Teams and we will provide a comprehensive and rich curriculum for all.

We know our students well, meaning we are acutely aware that for some students, additional support will also be necessary to be able to access work successfully. We will provide additional support to our SEND students. In addition, you will already be aware we will also have a cohort of students who will begin to access their learning on site based on their key worker or vulnerable status.

Communication is key

We will revert to weekly updates on all aspects of remote learning and school life during this lockdown period just as we did previously. Your positive feedback and support of this last time tells us that this was an important and valuable communication tool and so this will commence from next week in addition to our usual website, Facebook and Twitter posts. A reminder, if you need to get in touch with us, please do contact your Year Team in the first instance.

Remote Learning for the remainder of this week

Students will receive their remote education via Microsoft Teams commencing tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January 2021. This will start with a daily live pastoral tutorial delivered by their tutor to help ensure they have a strong and ordered start to their day as well as their weekly live year group assembly.

Students in Years 7 – 9 Remote online learning will start Wednesday 6th January with a full Year group assembly on Microsoft Teams at 8.30am prompt. They will engage in a full daily timetable of remote pre-recorded lessons posted on Microsoft Teams by their teachers for the remainder of this week. This will allow staff to prepare for the full timetable of **live** lessons due to commence from Monday 11th January.

Students in Years 10 & 11 Remote learning will commence with live lessons from Wednesday 6th January as and they will start with a welcome year group assembly by either myself or their Head of Year at 8.30am prompt.

I appreciate students (and parents/carers) will have questions regarding next week's BTEC examinations, the mock series and even the Summer exams – I will do my best to address these fully tomorrow morning in our assembly.

The following is a guide to your child's daily on line learning structure:

TIME	PERIOD
8.30am- 8.50am	Pastoral Curriculum
8.50am – 9.50am	Period 1
9.50am – 10.50am	Period 2
11.05 – 12.05am	Period 3
12.45pm – 1.45am	Period 4
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Period 5

Attendance Matters

You child's attendance, punctuality and engagement to every aspect of the remote learning timetable is key to their success and welling. Nationally, attendance with remote learning is a legal requirement and registers will be taken at the start of the day by your child's tutor and at the start of each of their five daily timetabled lessons. Telephone calls home and visits will be made and logged if your child does not engage. We thank you for working with us to ensure their 100% attendance during this period.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our students is at the heart of our work and we will continue to work closely with families to ensure all students have access to the help, advice or support they may need during this time.

Please know you can contact your child's year team in the first instance for support or contact our Safeguarding or Inclusion directly <https://www.oasisacademyoldham.org/about-us/meet-the-staff>

Students can Text P2B to 85258 for support from our in house counselling service Place To Be

Or can consider downloading this great online support tool if they needs additional support by visiting Kooth.com or watching the short video for more detail. <https://www.kooth.com/video>

Our Oasis Hub continue to support our local community is a wide range of ways and can be contacted directly via:

Twitter: [@OasisHubOldham](https://twitter.com/OasisHubOldham)

Facebook: [@oasishuboldham](https://www.facebook.com/oasishuboldham)

<https://www.oasisuk.org/oasis-hub-oldham>

Free School Meal provision

A number of our admin team have been diligently calling families whose sons/daughters are entitled to free school meals. If you are in need of a food hamper, you will be aware of the arrangements to collect this form school tomorrow for the remainder of this week and next. If you have any further questions regarding this, do please contact us on A.Burns@oasisoldham.org.

Lastly, we miss our students when they are not here, but we will do all we can to make sure we follow the all important health and safety lockdown measures. I am sure you will do so too.

Yours sincerely



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