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Update on re-opening secondary schools from the 15th of June for Year 10 students

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family have been well during these weeks of lockdown. You may have seen an announcement from the Government regarding the phased return of Year 10 students from June 15th. I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy Oldham.

Government Guidance

The Government guidance is as follows:

“From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- Continue providing full-time provision for eligible young people. This provision is for pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)
- Continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)
- Provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality
- Continue to use best endeavors to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high-quality offer”

You can read the longer guidance by searching for ‘Guidance for secondary school 15 June’/

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Oldham Year 10 students?

The safety of your child and your family, and of our staff, is our number one priority. The government has provided a list of actions they would like the Academy to take to ensure that we can open for more young people safely.

Over the last few weeks Oasis’ primary academies have been preparing for re-opening this week, and we have been following similar risk assessments in anticipation of this Government announcement. We will be working hard over the next two weeks to make the necessary arrangements – as you can imagine there is a lot to consider.

Once we have thought through the arrangements to meet the government’s requirements we intend to open the Academy safely for our Year 10 students, on a Rota basis, and I will be in touch with you again – no later than Wednesday the 10th of June - to confirm arrangements for your child.

At present, we expect this to be one Year 10 form group per day, split into two groups of no more than 15 students. Each Form group will attend school on a two-week Rota meaning they have the opportunity for some face to face provision on up to 3 days between now and the end of the summer term. This will be a shortened day to allow for staggered starts and ends in order to do everything possible to ensure social distancing is adhered to carefully both on entry and exit from the building.

Our online learning will continue throughout this period. May I take this opportunity to remind you that if your son or daughter needs a device to support with this learning you must let the Academy know as soon as possible.

I know that you will have many questions about returning to school, about how things will work in school in this 'new normal' environment. We understand that you and your child will need to feel confident about the arrangements,

What do I do now?

You will receive a text message shortly that will ask you to confirm your intentions regarding sending your son/daughter back to school. Whilst I appreciate this may be subject to change, having an idea of the number of children due back will help to inform our planning.

We will also ask how your son/daughter travels to and from school as this will of course factor into any decisions regarding them safely attending the academy.

Other details:

We remain open to provide childcare for the relevant families, including the children of key workers. The food voucher scheme also continues as normal for those eligible.

Please rest assured that we are taking the re-opening of the Academy extremely seriously, and please be patient with us as we work on the necessary arrangements ahead of 15th June.

Thank you as always for your support and your patience as we work on the safe re-opening of the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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