



8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we just wanted to thank you for your support of the Academy during this challenging time. We appreciate that the move to home education for most of our children has been sudden and presents you with all kinds of challenges; it is really important to us that we offer you as much support as possible with online learning. The iPad have proven invaluable and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students getting to grips with the remote world. We have a lot still to learn and will continue over the coming weeks to refine our practice so thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

We chose to let the last few days run according to our usual Academy timetable to try and provide some basic continuity for students and staff so that we could really think about how best to set up our remote learning from Monday. We have received feedback and it is clear that 5 solid hours of live teaching would present a real challenge for our students because of the lack of breaks and additional screen time. We also know that students found things challenging during the first lockdown and so we need to ensure that we make decisions which support their wellbeing too, as well as your wellbeing as parents/carers.

We also have to staff onsite education for critical workers and children identified by the DfE as needing to continue to attend school. We must staff this and ensure that we operate 2m spacing in all classrooms/spaces, as well as the other Covid controls we have in place, from our existing work force. Then there is the issue of staff illness and potential self-isolation to contend with. Consequently, we have to devise a system which works effectively at home and onsite as well as future proofing for anything Covid related illness may cause.

The DfE have stipulated in their most recent guidance that students' online learning can 'include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently' and that there must be 5 hours per day available to them. We will also continue to provide our full curriculum offer.

Our new system will be as follows:

**Live Lessons:**

All students in Years 7-11 will take part in 3 live lessons per day with subject specialist staff.

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They will receive meeting invites to these via Microsoft Teams (these invites will come out over the weekend because we are waiting for the program to update and our new timetable to become operational).

During lessons students have the ability to raise their hand to ask questions/seek clarification and seek support. There will be a blend of teacher input and tasks for students to complete throughout the one-hour lesson. All content delivered during these lessons will be new teaching and so it is vital for students to attend. **This will begin from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.** If a staff member is unwell, work will be provided on the class Team instead of a live lesson and a message will be shared with students on the Year Team informing them of this.

### **Recorded Lessons:**

Alongside the live lessons, students will receive recorded lessons which they can complete at their own pace (2 per day) and these will be uploaded to the Year Team so that they can access them from there when they choose to and complete them. This allows flexibility for you at home and ensures that students are not actively engaged on screen all day. They can email the relevant staff member who creates these lessons for support and guidance. **This will begin from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January.** We envisage that this will need some development and so will be in touch next week, once we have some feedback, to discuss how we will develop this

### **Assembly:**

Each week we will share a recorded assembly to the Year Team for each year group so that your child can watch this and reflect on the issues/topics shared. During these uncertain times, we think this is a key means of offering additional support.

### **Wellbeing:**

We will continue to deliver Sport through our OAW Sport YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqRK7LJ9NLG2KgP9YxVMauA> and students can find a range of appropriate activities to support their wellbeing.

We will also provide a SMSC lesson each week which supports students' mental health and wellbeing. This of course sits alongside our pastoral support available via our Year Managers and Heads of Year.

### **Accelerated Reader and TT Rock Stars:**

We will continue to run our Reading Programme for Years 7-9 and Mrs Spencer will be in touch regarding how this will move to online, as it did before. TT Rock stars also continues to be available for Years 7-9 to offer additional maths.

For us this all represents phase one of our online offer and we will be making contact with you next week to ask for initial feedback about this and look to refine it as we progress through lockdown.

The Academy day will be structured as below, and students will receive their online timetable via the meeting invites they receive. Years 7-9 will start their lessons earlier than Years 10 and

11 to help us organise our rotas for onsite provision alongside teaching. The day will work as follows:

**Students attending onsite:**

All students need to wear full uniform, bring their iPad and earphones.

8.30am arrival onsite via the purple gate and provision of breakfast (bagels)

Lesson 1: 8.45am-9.45am (Y7-9 start their online lessons)

Lesson 2: 10.00am-11.00am (Y10-11 start their online lessons)

Lesson 3: 11.15am-12.15pm (Y7-9 end their online lessons)

Lesson 4: 12.30pm-13.30pm (Y10-11 end their online lessons)

Lunch Y7-9: 12.15pm-12.45pm

Lunch Y10-11: 13.30pm-14.00pm

There are 15-minute breaks between all sessions and students will all leave site at 3pm. Once online learning has finished/before this begins students will complete their recorded lessons.

**Students learning online at home:**

The online lessons will follow the pattern above so that all students are being educated together regardless of whether online or onsite. Meeting invites will be sent to students over the weekend. Please use the OAW YouTube Sport channel for additional content over Monday and Tuesday until recorded lessons are available.

Please ensure that your child checks their Teams program on Sunday evening to ensure that they are clear about their lessons for the following day. They will receive notifications of any posts we may send to them over the weekend so please encourage them to check this thoroughly. If you have any queries or concerns please contact [oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org](mailto:oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org) and we will endeavour to support you with this.

Many thanks, once again, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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