



24th August 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely summer.

Arrangements for the return to school

I am writing to you to update you on our plans for the safe reopening of the Academy for all students from September 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming them back, and also to being able to come back together again as a whole school. Some of this guidance may be familiar from my previous letters, but it is important that I remind you of this to keep our school and community safe.

As you will know, the Government expects all students, in all year groups, to return to school full-time from the beginning of September.

Summary

1. As part of Oasis Community Learning, we have completed an in-depth risk assessment which has been reviewed by the Oasis national leadership and by the Academy's local health and safety committee. The risk assessment will be updated on a weekly basis by the Academy and reported to Oasis and the local committee will continue to meet weekly until further notice.

2. From September, following the DfE Guidance, we will no longer be in bubbles and the Academy will return to how it was before the pandemic with some exceptions which I will outline below.

3. Hygiene remains an essential part of a safe return. Students and staff will continue to be required to sanitise their hands thoroughly upon arrival at school, before and after eating, and after break times. Students will also have access to a sink for handwashing and will be expected to wash their hands after going to the toilet and before lunch.

You may consider providing your child with a personal bottle of hand sanitiser. This is especially important if your child has a skin condition or an allergy that may mean the standard sanitiser we make available is inappropriate.

Everyone will continue to be reminded of the importance of the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach, and we will have enough tissues and bins available throughout the school to follow this routine. Hygiene will be everyone's responsibility, including all students, to ensure we make the Academy as safe as we possibly can.

The Academy will be cleaned every day as normal, and we will continue to wipe down surfaces and equipment more frequently to reduce transmission of the virus.

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4. As you will no doubt be aware, the Government has no longer mandated the use of face coverings for secondary students however, if your child chooses to wear a face covering then they can do so. We will be advising staff to wear them, particularly in communal areas or when they are unable to maintain 2 metres social distance.

5. On the day that the students have their PE lessons they will continue to come in their PE kit to school. This will commence from Monday 6th September.

Dates for returning to school

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Therefore, we have been asked again by the DfE to set up our Asymptomatic testing site on the school grounds. Students in Years 8-11 who have already previously had consent for testing then this consent will stand, new Year 7 students will need to have consent provided through the My Child at School App as previously sent out in correspondence before the summer holiday.

Due to the testing that we have to do, we will be staggering the start of the new academic year as per the DfE guidance to ensure a safe and effective return. This is as follows:

Wednesday 1st September is a staff training day.

Thursday 2nd September:

All students in **Year 7** will arrive at their normal time which is between 8.25am and 8.30am. They will finish at their normal time of 3.00pm.

All other students who have previously given consent for their test will arrive on-site at the following time, take their lateral flow test and then go home. They do not need to be in school uniform. They need to come to the sports hall where this will be administered.

Year group	Testing time
Year 8	9.00am
Year 9	10.00am
Year 10	11.00am
Year 11	12.00pm
ALPs students	12.30pm

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If you would like your child to be tested and you haven't previously given consent then please complete the attached consent form and send them in at their allocated time above with the form.

Friday 3rd September

All students will return to the Academy from **Friday 3rd September**, please see below the timetable of the **NEW** school day with the start and finish times for your child's year group:

Y7		Y8		Y9		Y10		Y11	
ARRIVAL ON SITE	8.25am	ARRIVAL ON SITE	8.25AM	ARRIVAL ON SITE	8.20AM	ARRIVAL ON SITE	8.20AM	ARRIVAL ON SITE	8.20AM
TUTOR	8.35AM	TUTOR	8.35AM	TUTOR	8.30AM	TUTOR	8.30AM	TUTOR	8.30AM
LESSON 1	8.55AM	LESSON 1	8.55AM	LESSON 1	8.55AM	LESSON 1	8.55AM	LESSON 1	8.55AM
BREAK (DINING HALL)	9.55AM	BREAK (DINING HALL)	9.55AM	BREAK (MAIN HALL)	9.55AM	LESSON 2	9.55AM	LESSON 2	9.55AM
LESSON 2	10.10AM	LESSON 2	10.10AM	LESSON 2	10.10AM	BREAK (MAIN HALL)	10.55AM	BREAK (DINING HALL)	10.55AM
LESSON 3	11.10AM	LESSON 3	11.10AM	LESSON 3	11.10AM	LESSON 3	11.10AM	LESSON 3	11.10AM
LUNCH (DINING HALL)	12.10PM	LUNCH (DINING HALL)	12.10PM	LUNCH (MAIN HALL)	12.10PM	LESSON 4	12.10PM	LESSON 4	12.10PM
LESSON 4	12.55PM	LESSON 4	12.55PM	LESSON 4	12.55PM	LUNCH (MAIN HALL)	1.10PM	LUNCH (DINING HALL)	1.10PM
LESSON 5	1.55PM	LESSON 5	1.55PM	LESSON 5	1.55PM	LESSON 5	1.55PM	LESSON 5	1.55PM
TUTOR	2.55PM	TUTOR	2.55PM	END	2.55PM	END	2.55PM	END	2.55PM
END	3.00PM	END	3.00PM						

* Please note that this school day is different to previous years.

Year group	Arrival time between	School starts	End time
Year 7	8.25-8.30	8.35	15.00
Year 8	8.25-8.30	8.35	15.00
Year 9	8.20-8.25	8.30	14.55
Year 10	8.20-8.25	8.30	14.55
Year 11	8.20-8.25	8.30	14.55

Please do not allow your child to arrive earlier than this time as they will not be allowed on site.

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Students are asked to enter and exit the Academy site via any of the two entrances and exits which will be open. Once on-site, they will enter the building via the door that they used last year and will continue to enter in this manner throughout this academic year. The new Year 7 students will be told which door to enter the building through on their first day which is Thursday 2nd September. All students will leave the building at the end of the day via their nearest exit.

Students who come to school on a bicycle can now use any bike shed which is a change to the last academic year. It is important that all bicycles that are brought onto the school site are locked up as we cannot take responsibility for them.

Thank you for your continued support as we make these arrangements. If you don't have any further questions, we look forward to seeing your child on their first day back at school.

Yours sincerely,

Ms H Stennett

Principal, Oasis Academy Wintringham

2. More Details about our arrangements

1) Attendance

The Government's guidance is clear that students are expected to attend school from September following the DfE statutory guidance. This means that parents have a duty to ensure that their child regularly attends school, and that schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. If your child is unable to attend school it is important that you telephone the Academy first thing in the morning to make us aware with the reason why.

2) Hygiene and cleaning

We will ensure that everyone understands that good hygiene is everyone's responsibility and that everyone is responsible for everyone else's health. We will maintain intensified cleaning routines with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. As per normal, the Academy will be cleaned every day and there will be disinfectant sprays and paper for cleaning purposes in each classroom.

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We continue to have a stock of PPE within the Academy, including face-coverings, disposable gloves, disposable aprons, hand sanitisers and soap, if required.

3) Risk assessments

The risk assessment described overleaf has been developed following guidance from the Government and detailed guidelines from Oasis Community Learning. As explained overleaf It will be signed off by the Oasis national leadership team along with myself as Principal and will remain under constant review as we monitor our progress.

4) Water bottles

Students are required to bring in their own water bottle for their individual use. These must be labelled and can be re-filled during the day.

5) Reduced access to outdoor visitors

To help us reduce the risk of infection, we are asking parents to communicate with us via the telephone on 01472 871811 or via email on oaw.admin@oasiswintringham.org

If it is required for you to come into the Academy, you will be required to wear a disposable face covering provided by us.

6) Uniform

All students will be required to wear full uniform. A full list of our Academy uniform can be found on our Academy website. The Government advice is that uniforms do not need to be cleaned differently or any more often than usual because of coronavirus.

Your child must attend school with all of their equipment and will need a bag to carry this in as we will be continuing to not use the lockers. This includes their iPad (which must be fully charged each day), pens, pencils, planner (which they will be issued with in September) and their reading book (in years 7-9). Failure to have any of these could result in a consequence being issued so it is important that your child is organised from the start of term.

We strongly recommended that each child has their own headphones to use with their iPad. Whilst we have provided these in the past and will continue to do so when they need them in school, they are not as good quality as the ones that can be purchased.

On a day that your child has PE, they will be expected to come in their PE kit. **Please note:** Formal practical PE lessons will not start until Monday 6th September so all children should wear their full school uniform on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September (depending on what day(s) they are in).

7) Suspected symptoms, a confirmed case, and multiple confirmed cases

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We will be following the Government's direct guidance on what to do if a student or staff member has suspected coronavirus symptoms or is confirmed to have the virus. Please do not send your child to school if they have suspected COVID-19.

3. Consent form

NHS Test and Trace consent form for COVID-19 testing

This common consent form has been designed for use by parents and carers of pupils and under 16s, pupils and students over 16 and staff. Underlined sections should be read as applicable and completed as follows:

- **For pupils and students younger than 16 years** - this form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian. Please complete one consent form for each child you wish to enrol.
- **Pupils and students over 16** can complete this form themselves, having discussed participation with their parent / guardian if under 18.
- **Staff** will complete this form themselves.

1. I have had the opportunity to consider the information provided by the school about the testing, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily, based on the information presented.
2. In the case of under 16s, I have discussed the testing with my child and my child is happy to participate. If on the day of testing they do not wish to take part, then they will not be made to do so and consent can be withdrawn at any time ahead of the test.
3. I consent to having / my child having a nose and throat swab for a lateral flow test.
4. I consent that my / my child's sample(s) will be tested for the presence of COVID-19.
5. I understand that if my child / my result(s) are negative on the lateral flow test I will not be contacted by the school except where they/you are a close contact of a confirmed positive.
6. If the lateral flow test indicates the presence of COVID-19, I consent to my child having / having a nose and throat swab for confirmatory PCR testing, which shall be sent the same day to an NHS Test & Trace laboratory.
7. I consent that I / they will need to self-isolate following a positive lateral flow test result, until the results of the confirmatory PCR have been received.
8. I agree that if my child's test results are confirmed to be positive from this PCR test, I will report this to the school and I understand that I/ my child will be required to self-isolate following public health advice.

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I confirm that I consent to all the statements above.	
Name of pupil/student/staff to be tested (print)	
Year group (if applicable)	
Name of parent or carer if under 16 (print)	
Signature	
Date	
Relationship to child if under 16	

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