

16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oasis Academy Watermead reopening for all pupils from Thursday 3rd in September

Following my recent letter to you about the government's guidelines for all children to return to school in September, I am writing today to update you on our plans.

As you will be aware, the Government has made it clear that all pupils, in all year groups, are expected to return to school full-time from the beginning of September. You [can read the guidance here](#)/by searching for 'DfE guidance parents.'

To ensure that all pupils and staff can return safely, there are a significant number of actions that the Government have asked us to take. We must:

- Minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus
- Be able to continue teaching and learning in the case of a local outbreak
- Alter how we run the Academy day-to-day to meet the new safety requirements
- Amend our curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support offer in the context of all the new arrangements.

The purpose of this letter is to explain how we intend to meet these expectations. As always, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of the children, your family and our staff. We will take every precaution, so that we reduce the risk as much as possible and be in a position to finally welcome back all of our pupils.

The arrangements we are putting in place are lengthy to explain. For ease of reference I have attached them to this letter but provided a brief summary of them below together with the details that specifically relate to your child. I have also attached a shortened copy of the Government's latest advice to parents for your reference.

Summary of arrangements

The Academy will be closed to all children on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. These will be Inset Days.

Questions and feedback

We completely understand that you will need to feel confident about the arrangements. Please take the time to read the accompanying arrangements document where we explain in more detail how school will work in this 'new normal' environment. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in these documents, please contact us at info@oasiswatermead.org or telephone 0114 201 6800.

Principal - Mr Adam Dawson

We will also be providing a short video showing the arrangements we have made in the Academy later this week on the website or on our normal social media channels.

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What do I need to know for September?

Years 5 and 6

From Thursday 3rd September, Year 5 and 6 will be asked to attend the Academy at an earlier time of 08:30. This is so we are able to get all children in the Academy safely. Please arrive at the school gate where your child will be escorted to their classroom. **No parents in Years 5 or 6 will be permitted on site until further notice.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Start time	08:30	08:30	08:30	08:30	08:30
Finish time	14:45	14:45	14:45	14:45	14:45

Years 3 and 4

From Thursday 3rd September, Years 3 and 4 will be asked to attend the Academy at 08:45. This is so we are able to get all children in the Academy safely. Please arrive at the school gate where your child will be asked to line up in the car park behind their class teacher. **No parents in Years 3 or 4 will be permitted on site until further notice.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Start time	08:45	08:45	08:45	08:45	08:45
Finish time	15:00	15:00	15:00	15:00	15:00

Years 1 and 2

From Thursday 3rd September, Years 1 and 2 will be asked to attend the Academy at 09:00. This is so we are able to get all children in the Academy safely. Please arrive at the school gate where your child will be asked to line up in the car park behind their class teacher. **No parents in Years 1 or 2 will be permitted on site until further notice.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Start time	09:00	09:00	09:00	09:00	09:00
Finish time	15:15	15:15	15:15	15:15	15:15

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Reception

Children who will be joining reception in September will be starting on Monday 7th September. Upon arrival at the gate, **one parent** will be allowed on site to drop-off your child in the School Hall. Staff will be on hand to support with this. Below is a timetable of start and finish times for the first week (beginning 7th September):

Reception – staggered starts					
	Monday 7 th September	Tuesday 8 th September	Wednesday 9 th September	Thursday 10 th September	Friday 11 th September
Start time	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15
Finish time	11:30	12:30	15:30	15:30	15:30

From Monday 14th September, children in reception will have the following timetable:

Reception – staggered starts					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Start time	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15	09:15
Finish time	15:30	15:30	15:30	15:30	15:30

Whilst some parents and carers will be frustrated at staggered start and finish times, especially for those who have siblings in other year groups, I hope you will understand the importance of ensuring all children returning to school safely.

We will not be able to allow siblings to attend the Academy at a different time to their year group allocated start and finish time.

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Watermead Do's and Don'ts for returning in September



- Drop off and pick up your child at your allocated time at the school gate.



- Keep socially distanced.



- Line up on the school drive within the cones.



- Please vacate the school driveway as soon as you have dropped off / collected your child.

- Clean your hands before coming to school.



- Please arrive to school in uniform.



- Please pay any money over the phone if possible, if not please put the money in an envelope and give to a member of staff on the gate. You can pay over the phone on our credit card machine.



- Please do not arrive late or too early.



- Parents will not be able to come onto school site. Except for one parent of a child starting in Nursery and Reception.



- Please do not bring in bags or belongings unless you are in KS2 and bringing in a packed lunch.

- Please do not bring in a PE kit.



- Please do not bring in a waterbottle from home, disposable bottles or cups will be provided daily.



- Please do not delay staff at the gate, parents can communicate with staff via phone call and class dojo if needed.



- No smoking on school site, including the school drive.



What do I need to do now?

There is a lot of information here, but I wanted you to have the full detail of what we are doing to make the Academy safe and welcoming for our pupils. While it will be a little different to normal we will of course take the time to ensure all of our pupils understand the changes when we welcome them back, and will provide additional support for any of our young people who are apprehensive having been out of school for such a long time.

Having considered the information in this letter and the FAQs, please let us know if you have any further questions you or your child would like to know *I will be available on Friday 17th July 13:00-14:00 to answer any questions live, using Microsoft Team. Please use the link below:*

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWVhMTNjOTctZWE3ZC00NGQ4LWJhNDItMWZiOWY3ZDEwY2Vm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228dd73dcf-b57c-40ec-b7f8-755b512d9f7b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22eeac4502-351a-45e0-a3f6-b3f222420e2e%22%7d

If you don't have any further questions, we look forward to seeing your child on Thursday 3rd September for children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are equally excited to see and meet children in nursery and reception from Monday 7th September.

Thank you as ever for your patience and understanding during this time, and the support you are providing to your child. We cannot wait to welcome them back in September so that they safely and happily can get back to their studies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Dawson".

Principal

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