

4 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Important Update – Tuesday 5th January

I am writing to you with an important update regarding tomorrow. All Oasis academies will be holding an additional INSET day on Tuesday 5th January, in addition to the one today.

I apologise for the late notice of this change but considering reports that the new variant of the coronavirus can travel between people more quickly, we wanted to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

The controls we have had in place at the school since September have worked well to keep our school community safe, and tomorrow we will be revisiting each to ensure we remain fully compliant. Our Health and Safety Committee will be meeting, and as a staff team we will again go over the safety measures we have in place.

All schools within the Oasis Community Learning family will be using the day to double, treble check the precautions, and if possible, introduce additional safeguards. Please rest assured that this is not due to any concerns at the Academy about the measures we have in place, rather we are taking the time to go through everything methodically – as ever, everyone's health and safety is our priority.

Therefore, we look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Wednesday 6th January.

If your child has symptoms of Covid-19, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated.

If in any doubt, please contact us before bringing your child to school, and we can advise you. **The school telephone number is 0114 201 6800.**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

We need every family to be extra vigilant of their child's health, and to only bring their child to school if they are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

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Please also ensure adults are wearing a face covering when on the school site (unless exempt).

Once again, I apologise for the late notice of this change; please rest assured that we are doing all that we can to make the Academy safe for everyone and reduce risk however we can.

We look forward to welcoming every child who is well, has no symptoms, and is not required to isolate on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Dawson", is positioned above the printed name of the principal.

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How can you help prevent COVID-19 from spreading?

We want to thank you for all the things you are already doing, it's making a big difference and is helping to stop the virus spreading. Please help your family, friends or people you work with to understand how important it is for them to do the following.



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

- Because the virus can spread easily, your child **MUST NOT** come to school if they have a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell.
- Anyone in your household who has these symptoms **MUST** stay home and get tested as soon as possible. You must return straight home after having the test. All members of the household must stay home and await the test result.
- If anyone who lives at your address tests positive **EVERYONE MUST** stay home. This means not going out for shopping, exercise, work, school or meeting friends and family – even if you feel well.
- To book a free test visit <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or call 119

Test Results:

A negative result means the test did not find coronavirus.

You may still need to self-isolate if:

- someone you lives with has tested positive – [find out how long to self-isolate](#)
- you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace](#)
- you're going into hospital – keep self-isolating until you go in
- If you still feel unwell after a negative test, stay at home until you're feeling better. Contact a GP if your symptoms get worse or do not go away.
- If you're being sick, have diarrhoea or have a high temperature, stay at home and do not return to work or school until 48 hours after they've stopped.

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How to report a positive case of Covid-19 during a holiday or at the weekend:

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 it is really important that you make the school aware of this immediately, this is so we can take appropriate action if necessary.
- There are two ways that you can contact school if we are closed:
- **Email:** info@oasiswatermead.org
positivecase@oasiswatermead.org
- **Phone:** [0114 201 6800](tel:01142016800) (Leave a voicemail).
[07989206574](tel:07989206574) (Please note that this will not be monitored throughout the day).

Please provide the following details:

- **Your name:**
- **Your child's name:**
- **Your child's class:**
- **If your child has either:** Tested positive for Covid-19 or if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.
- **Your contact number:** (so we can contact you for further Information).