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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the summer break is nearly over and I do hope that you are all safe and well. I wanted to write to you ahead of the start of term to remind all parents/carers of our plans as we re-open the academy to all our students for the first time since March 2020. Staff have worked extremely hard over the summer in order to ensure the building is ready and we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school.

My parental letter dated 16th July 2020 explained in detail the procedures we have put in place in order to allow students to return in a safe way in September, this letter aims to summarise these measures and remind you all of the operational arrangements for the start of term.

Start of Term dates:

Students in **Years 7 and 11** will start on **Thursday September 3rd at 8.15am** – 8.30am

Students in **Years 8, 9 and 10** will start on **Monday 7th September at 8.15am** – 8.30am

Entrance and Exit:

All year groups will have a separate exit and entrance which will be clearly marked. Please see the table below for your child’s entrance/exit. **This route must be used** and students will not be permitted to enter or exit by any other doorway, entrances will be closed and locked at 8.30am. **It is therefore imperative that students arrive on time for the start of the day.**

Year Group	Entrance/Exit
7	Student entrance, King William Street
8	Hub entrance on Trafford Rd
9	PE entrance on Trafford Rd
10	Student entrance, King William Street
11	The pedestrian gate to the car park on Trafford Rd

Transport update:

Please see information below from Transport for Greater Manchester. It is important that parents plan journeys to and from school to ensure students are at the academy no later than 8.30am. Arriving after this time will incur a late mark.

Since lockdown at the end of March, transport across Greater Manchester has changed significantly, and it won’t be back to normal when the new school term begins. It’s important that you plan ahead for how your child will get to and from school and check the latest travel advice. You should also apply now for any tickets or passes you may need.



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Please consider whether your child can walk or cycle to school. If your child needs to use public transport to travel to school, you should be aware that space may be limited on many services and timetables may have changed. When travelling to school your child should check timetables in advance, allow extra time for their journeys in case their first service is full and be patient with other passengers.

They also need to follow safe travel guidance and take responsibility for keeping themselves and other passengers safe:

- ***Wear a face covering on-board and in stations and interchanges, unless they're under 11 or are exempt for another reason;***
- ***Keep their distance from other passengers where possible;***
- ***Clean their hands regularly; and***
- ***Use contactless payment or exact change only where possible.***

Children aged 11 to 16 must have an igo card to travel using a child ticket on buses in Greater Manchester. If you do not have an igo card please apply for one as soon as possible.

Uniform:

All students are expected to return to the academy in September in full uniform. All uniform can be purchased from Nick's School Wear, Salford Shopping Centre, 07772 127985. In order to reduce the risk of transmission of the coronavirus please ensure all uniform is washed frequently in line with government guidance.

Please ensure you are aware of our uniform expectations which can be found in my previous letter and on the academy website, can I also remind parents that we do not permit the use of mobile phones/electronic equipment in the academy and phones must be turned off and out of sight.

Attendance and behaviour:

The government's guidance is clear that students are expected to attend school from September following the DfE statutory guidance.

If any parents/carers are anxious about their child returning please do get in touch with the academy to discuss your concerns with a member of the Academy Leadership Team.



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Students will be expected to follow the academy behaviour expectations fully, if a breach of the behaviour policy takes place parents will be contacted immediately. **At present we will not be able to receive visitors or parents until further notice.** During the day, we ask that parents communicate with us only via the telephone on 0161 886 6500 or email info@oasismediacityuk.org. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Timetable, break and lunchtime arrangements:

We have worked tirelessly to ensure that the full curriculum will be taught from September, this includes a recovery curriculum to focus on missed learning during lockdown. For a full breakdown of what learning will look like please visit the academy website under the Curriculum tab.

The timings of the school day remain the same with slight changes to break and lunch in order to ensure social distancing and to keep year group ‘bubbles’ apart.

Break and lunch times will be staggered to reduce congestion and to support social distancing. The menu of school meals will be a more limited one and students will pre-order food for break and lunch first thing in the morning. Students are also required to bring in their own water bottle for their individual use, these must be labelled. Please note that fizzy drinks are not permitted. Students may bring in packed lunches, but they must remain within their bags throughout the day, and any rubbish should be taken home each day.

Cashless system:

To reduce the risk of transmission, all parents/carers will need to use ParentPay to pay for their child’s meals. Students will not be able to use the machines in the academy to put money on their accounts.

Further parental updates will be sent over the coming weeks so please do ensure you read all communication from the academy.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support during this time, as I often say to the students, at Oasis MediaCity we are a family and as a family we will work together to overcome all the barriers we see.

I look forward to welcoming your child back in September, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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