

19 March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have heard the news from the Government by now regarding the closure of schools from Friday 20 March 2020.

I want to firstly reassure all parents that we have been preparing for closure for the past few days and have detailed plans in place to ensure your child is supported in their learning during this time.

Home Learning

From Monday, students will be able to access work via the school website. At the bottom of the home page students will need to do the following:

- Click the OasisZone (Office 365) link
- Login using their email address and password. Email addresses will be in the following format: `firstname.secondname@oasismediacityuk.org`, for example `joe.bloggs@oasismediacityuk.org`
- Once they have accessed the online platform they need to click on the 'Outlook' button, from here an email will direct students to their resources

If students are unable to login, please use the 'reset my password' function. If students still have issues accessing their online account, all resources can be found on the website by searching 'home learning packs'. If your child is having trouble accessing online learning, paper packs are also available and can be delivered to your home. Please contact the main office on 0161 886 6500 and leave a message telling us the name of your child and their year group.

Examinations

The decision to cancel the public examinations in May and June will have been given great consideration and at this stage I await further clarity in terms of the fine details for our Year 11 students. My heart goes out to all Year 11 students who have been working so hard to prepare for their GCSEs and the uncertainty and disappointment they will feel. It is important that they have a clear picture as soon as possible and I want to reassure you all that I will provide this information as soon as I receive it from the Government.

Children of key workers/vulnerable children

Furthermore, the Prime Minister has asked that we support the families of key workers and therefore we will, as a first step, gather information from you in order to inform our picture. A text message has been sent to all parents and carers, please can I request that you respond to this request **as soon as possible**. If you have not received this, please contact the main office to provide the necessary information.

From Monday, the academy will be open to a small number of children who fall into one of the Government listed categories. This includes children of key workers (this list is yet to be confirmed but does include NHS workers, the Police, Social Care workers) and those children who are classed as vulnerable (including children with an EHC Plan).



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For those students still attending school, please enter through the **main reception** accessed via Trafford Road and they will be directed to lessons/activities from there. The academy day will change in light of current circumstances and the academy will be open from **8.30am to 2.30pm** daily. With regard to Free School Meals, I await further guidance from the government but can confirm that we will be providing a Free School Meal service between 12pm-1pm daily.

Safeguarding

If there are any safeguarding issues whilst schools are closed, please contact the safeguarding team using this email address: **CP1@oasismediacityuk.org**. Alternatively you can use the following phone number to leave a message: **07955752486**. A member of the safeguarding team will aim to respond to this as soon as possible.

Contacting the academy

If parents/carers have any concerns they need to raise please note the following main office number is available to leave a message and this will be monitored daily: **0161 886 6500**. It is of vital importance that all parents and carers frequently visit the academy website, Twitter and respond to any call or text message from the academy.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the sterling work that my colleagues in all teams have done during this time and thank them personally for their tremendous commitment to the academy and community. As I'm sure you can imagine, we have had an unprecedented number of calls and so I would ask for your patience if you try to contact school. It is also important to note that all parental letters can be found on the academy website (address below) along with all other important information including how to access online learning and safeguarding information.

Further communication will follow early next week, when hopefully the Government have provided greater clarity on the situation and coming weeks.

With kind regards and grateful thanks for your support at this time.

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