

20 March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

Important information regarding student attendance – from Monday 23 March 2020

Firstly, thank you for the very supportive approach that you have taken during these exceptionally challenging times. We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can now stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

It is important to underline that schools and colleges remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in our society.

Whilst we are formally closed from Monday 23 March onwards, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally and our school remains at the heart of our community.

Special opening from Monday 23 March for the children of key workers and those entitled to specialist support

Key workers

At midnight, the government published a list of those parent/carers who are entitled to send their child to school. The link below provides specific details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The list includes the following; Health and Social care, education and childcare, key public services, local and national government, food and other necessary goods, public safety and security, transport, utilities, communication and financial services.

We are grateful to all of these key workers who are looking after us all and keeping our essential services going. In return, our superb staff team are also going to 'step up to the plate' and provide provision for your child / children. It is critical to note, however, that this provision should only be taken up if there are no other alternatives (see guidance). **The government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for children who absolutely need to attend:**

Specialist Support Provision

Those children with safeguarding and welfare needs, including those children on child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with Education Health and Care plans are also able to attend school.



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Free School Meals

As stated in my letter yesterday the academy will be providing a 'Grab-Bag' style lunch for those children on Free School Meals. This will be available via the main entrance 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.

Please can I take this opportunity to also thank you for your children. I have met them all in assembly today and have been overwhelmed by their care, maturity and dignity in this difficult time. They are truly the embodiment of our 9 habits.

I will write again to you when I have more information to share.

With best wishes,

Mrs M Dillon
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