

23 March 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

### Update on school closures

I am writing to keep you updated on arrangements following the academy's closure in line with the Government's advice last week.

Thank you to all parents and carers for keeping children at home today where possible. It is important to reiterate 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 today onwards, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally and our school remains at the heart of our community. We are also still offering provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers who have now been identified.

### Home Learning

All students should be able to access work online via the school website and details on how to access this were in my letter dated 19 March 2020. We are also striving to use 'Microsoft Teams' for all communication between staff and students whilst the academy is closed and we now advise that all students do the following:

- Go to the app store on your device
- Download 'Microsoft Teams'
- Log in using school account and password

If there are any problems logging in, a member of staff from the academy will contact the student and ensure they are set up and ready to learn.

### Free School Meals

The academy will be providing a 'Grab-Bag' style lunch for those children eligible for Free School Meals. This will be available via the main entrance between 12pm-1pm Monday-Friday and can be collected by parents/carers or students themselves. **It is important that the two metre social distancing rule is adhered to at all times during the collection of Free School Meals.** This food will be available during normal term time weeks and we are making every effort to ensure that it can also be provided throughout the Easter holidays. We are hoping to be able to supply a lunch package for the other children in the household, but parents will have to demonstrate that any additional children live in the house. We are not able to provide lunch packages for any adults.

### Safeguarding

Just a reminder that 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

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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.

We recognise that these are hard times, but we all have a responsibility to reduce our contact with others. We have seen some lessons from Italy where children and parents have continued socialise and gather and this has had a significant impact on the spread of the virus. We encourage you to take this guidance very seriously

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank all parents, carers and students for your incredible resilience during such unsettling and unpredictable times. Please keep safe and healthy and contact us as above when needed.

With best wishes,

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