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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9 and 10 Students

I hope this letter finds you well during this unprecedented time. I am writing to you today to inform you that, due to staff shortages, we have taken the difficult decision to ask all Year 9 and 10 students to work from home for the whole week from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December, at present returning to school on Monday 14th December 2020.

I can confirm that this is not due to high COVID cases amongst staff, so please don't be alarmed but due to the number of staff having to self-isolate, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community. For that reason, I have attached Public Health England's latest advice for your reference.

Please note that we are only asking your child to learn from home because we do not currently have enough staff to have them at the academy. They are not being asked to self-isolate unless they are in a bubble that has previously been sent home and told to isolate, however they will be expected to follow their online timetable with registration to each lesson recorded, therefore they should not be out and about during school hours as they will be completing their work online.

The school remains open to students in Years 7, 8 and 11, they must continue to attend as normal.

Online Learning

To allow us the opportunity to ensure everyone has access to online learning we are directing all students not in the building to use the Oak National Academy resources on Monday 7th December. Click [here](#) to gain access to these online lessons and select the appropriate year group – this also applies to those currently isolating.

From Tuesday 8th December all students will resume their learning via Microsoft Teams, click [here](#) for details on how to access these lessons.

If your son/daughter requires access to the internet and/or a laptop please contact the school using the details at the bottom of this letter.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals a voucher will be sent to you via email I know asking Years 9 and 10 students to learn from home for the next week may significantly inconvenience you; please be assured that we have not taken this decision lightly. We will keep you updated on the current situation via text, email and the academy website but please do not hesitate to contact the academy by emailing us on info@oasismediacityuk.org or by calling 0161 8866500 should you have any questions/queries.



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Thank you for your continued support for the Academy, in what are, very challenging times locally and nationally.

Yours sincerely

Marie Dillon

Principal

Advice – Public Health England

We know that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, but we all have a responsibility to ensure that we do all that we can to reduce transmission to others.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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