

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020



Dear Year 8 Parents & Carers

### Return to school

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will have been self-isolating for two weeks. This means that your child, should they be well enough and symptom free, is expected to return to school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We are really looking forward to welcoming them back.

### My child is well and ready to return school

As a staff team we are eager for our school community to return to teaching and learning in person. As you will know we have implemented many safety measures to minimise the risk of the further spread of Covid-19. Before your child returns to school, I would be grateful if you could go over these measures so that they are clear of what is expected of them.

- We have maintained intensified cleaning routines with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. The Year 8 area has been thoroughly cleaned, and is ready for their return.
- Hygiene remains an essential part of a safe return. Students and staff are required to wash their hands thoroughly upon arrival at school, before and after eating, and after break times. Students will have access to a sink for handwashing. We will also have hand sanitiser dispensers at all receptions, all entrances and exits, dining rooms, halls and first aid rooms.
- Each year group bubble will have a different entrance and exit route and Years 7 and 8 have a different exit time. We also have a natural stagger time from 8.15am-8.30am. It is important students arrive in their allotted time slot so as not to make contact with students outside of their bubble, please note Year 8 will finish school at 3.20pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and 2.20pm on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. I will continually monitor this and inform you of any necessary changes if they are needed.
- When students arrive at school, they must safely remove their mask if they have used one whilst travelling to the academy, by using the straps rather than the front of the face covering.
- They will then be required to dispose of this mask in a covered bin, or place a reusable face covering in their bag which they can put on when leaving to go home
- They will then be required to wash their hands and put on a face covering provided by the Academy for use whilst moving around the communal areas of the school.
- When in class, students should 'wear' the face covering around their neck and put it on their face when they are seeking support from a staff member or whenever social distancing is not possible.
- When going to the dining hall, they should wear their covering on their face until they are seated for the purposes of eating. After eating, the covering should be placed back onto their face.



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### **My child is unwell, or has Covid-19 symptoms**

If your child has any of the following symptoms, **please keep them at home and let us know that they are unable to attend to school.**

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

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.

### **Questions and feedback**

As you know, the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our young people is our top priority. These extensive safety measures help to reduce the risk of transmission.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on 0161 8866500 or email us on [info@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:info@oasismediacityuk.org)

We look forward to welcoming back your child this week.

Warm regards

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