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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 8

I hope this letter finds you well during this unprecedented time. I am writing to you today to inform you that we have had two confirmed positive cases in your child's year group and so due to the number of close contacts identified within this year group, in addition to students currently isolating we have had to take the difficult decision to place Year 8 on home learning for the whole week from Monday 14th December to and including Thursday 17th December. I want to reassure you that this decision is not due to a high number of Covid cases within the academy. I also want to assure you that we have been working closely with Public Health England throughout this time who have confirmed that we are doing everything we can to mitigate the risk of infection. I would however, like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community. Many of the contacts we have had to ask to self-isolate have been due to clubs attended outside of school in the evening/at weekends.

We recognise that parents and carers have also made many changes to their lives during the pandemic and we would like to thank you for this support. However, actions taken by schools can only stop some of the cases. We do need families and communities to help us bring the infection rate down and protect our children's health and education. 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. They are not being asked to self-isolate unless they have received a letter telling them to do so or are in a bubble that has previously been sent home and told to isolate. Students 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, 10 and 11, they must continue to attend as normal and I am also hopeful that we will be able to welcome Year 9 back this week and will update parents tomorrow.

Online Learning

To allow us the opportunity to ensure everyone has access to online learning we are directing all students in Year 8 to use the Oak National Academy resources on Monday 14th 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 15th 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.



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If you are in receipt of Free School Meals a voucher will be sent to you via email I know asking Year 8 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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