

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



### Important Update – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Further to my letter last week on the arrangements for the next couple of weeks, I am writing to you with an important update regarding tomorrow. All Oasis academies will be holding an additional INSET day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, in addition to the one today.

I apologise for the late notice of this change but considering reports that the new variant of the coronavirus can travel between people more quickly, we wanted to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

The controls we have had in place at the school since September have worked well to keep our school community safe, and tomorrow we will be revisiting each to ensure we remain fully compliant. Our Health and Safety Committee will be meeting, and as a staff team we will again go over the safety measures we have in place. All schools within the Oasis Community Learning family will be using the day to double, treble check the precautions, and if possible, introduce additional safeguards. Please rest assured that this is not due to any concerns at the Academy about the measures we have in place, rather we are taking the time to go through everything methodically – as ever, everyone's health and safety is our priority.  
What does this mean for my young person?

Students whose parents are key workers and have requested a place or who are determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable' are to attend school from **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, not Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** as previously communicated. School starts at 8.25am and students should access school via their normal year group entrance.

All other students are to access their lessons remotely from **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Students in an examination year will return to school in person on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. All other students are required to return to school in person on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not eligible to come to school at this time, then they will be able to collect a hamper from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January from the Academy Hub entrance. A separate letter will be sent to those parents who are eligible today with the timings for collection

### Covid-19 testing within school

We are still developing our plans for delivering Covid-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again later this week, and how we will gather your permission and consent for your young person to be tested ahead of them returning to school.



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Once again, I apologise for the late notice of this change; please rest assured that we are doing all that we can to make the Academy safe for everyone, reduce risk however we can, and to be open for as many of our pupils as is safely possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marie Dillon

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