



8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Please see my weekly update below

### **Partial Academy closure**

As many of you will know, the government has announced a new national lockdown to stop the spread of the coronavirus. You can read more information about the national lockdown on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk) or by searching 'gov.uk national lockdown'.

The Academy remains open for the children of critical workers or those who are determined as 'vulnerable' who must attend the Academy.

### **Children of critical workers:**

Please see the attached, updated document on whether your child is eligible to come to school. If you believe, your child meets the criteria for this category and you have not already done so please contact us at [info@oasismediacityuk.org](mailto:info@oasismediacityuk.org) and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible. Please note places are limited but we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

### **All other students:**

All other students are being asked to learn remotely until February half term. As per my previous emails our remote learning plan is in place and will continue for all year groups. Please see further information below from Mr McEvoy regarding remote learning, he will also update parents/carers on a regular basis through letters and video messages.

- Your child will be required to access their learning remotely.
- All learning will take place via Microsoft Teams, we deliver five live lessons each day and follow the normal school timetable.
- Lessons start at 8.40 and finish at 2.30 with a break and lunch during the day.
- To access our live online lessons your child will need access to the internet and a laptop, computer or tablet.
- If your child will have any difficulty in accessing remote learning, please be in touch with us directly either by accessing the help section of the school website, e-mailing the pastoral leader or calling the academy phone line.

The staff team will continue to work hard to ensure that all students, either in the Academy or learning from home, will have access to high quality teaching and learning.

### **Year 11 GCSE examinations**

The Prime Minister announced that the schedule of public examinations for the summer term will not go ahead in the current format. The organisation that oversees national examinations, Ofqual, will be releasing more information in due course about how results will be determined.



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Vocational exams that were due to be sat this month have also been cancelled. Those due to be sat in February and March have not yet been cancelled, we will be in touch separately with the students affected by this.

Please rest assured that we will be doing our utmost to ensure that every student receives the qualifications and grades that they deserve. It is very important for your child that their hard work, commitment and effort is rewarded appropriately, and my colleagues and I have this as our focus. I have held an assembly this morning for Year 11 students to outline the above information and, above all to reassure them that they remain my priority. Further Careers guidance and information will follow from Mr Berry our Careers Leader.

As always I will update you as soon as I have more information to share.

### **Free School Meals:**

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not currently eligible to come to school we will be in contact with you directly about this.

### **Well-being:**

Whatever your child's year group their well-being is paramount to us and through the curriculum we have in place, for example, PSHE lessons, assemblies, enrichment clubs and well-being sessions we aim to keep Oasis MediaCity flourishing, albeit in the virtual world currently.

However, if you have concerns that you need to share about your child please do contact us. Can I remind you too of the links to well-being advice on the school website that can be found at <https://www.oasisacademymediacityuk.org/curriculum/wellbeing>

### **Lateral Flow Testing:**

Also note, despite the introduction of the national lockdown, we are continuing our preparations around flow-testing for students who are currently eligible to attend school. We will be in touch with you in due course around how this will work, including consent forms for those students who are currently in school.

Finally, thank you for your continued support, and patience as we make new arrangements once again in response to the new national lockdown. It is our sincere hope that with the vaccines rolling out over the next couple of months we are moving closer to the moment when our whole school community can be together again safely.

Yours sincerely,

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