

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oasis Academy Woodview reopening for all pupils in September

Following my recent letter to you about the government's guidelines for all children to return to school in September, I am writing today to update you on our plans.

As you will be aware, the Government has made it clear that all pupils, in all year groups, are expected to return to school full-time from the beginning of September. You [can read the guidance here](#) by searching for 'DfE guidance parents.'

To ensure that all pupils and staff can return safely, there are a significant number of actions that the Government have asked us to take. We must:

- Minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus
- Be able to continue teaching and learning in the case of a local outbreak
- Alter how we run the Academy day-to-day to meet the new safety requirements
- Amend our curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support offer in the context of all the new arrangements.

The purpose of this letter is to explain how we intend to meet these expectations. As always, our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of the children, your family and our staff. We will take every precaution, so that we reduce the risk as much as possible and be in a position to finally welcome back all of our pupils.

The arrangements we are putting in place are lengthy to explain. For ease of reference I have attached them to this letter but provided a brief summary of them below together with the details that specifically relate to your child. I have also attached a shortened copy of the Government's latest advice to parents for your reference.

Summary of arrangements

1. With the support of Oasis Community Learning, we have completed an in-depth risk assessment which has been reviewed by the academy's local health and safety committee. This committee will continue to meet weekly until further notice.

2. In order to reduce the risk of transmission across the whole academy each class /group will be part of a 'bubble' that will stay together throughout each day, being taught in one classroom and have break and lunchtimes together. This will reduce the number of contacts each pupil has with those in other year groups and reduce the chance of spreading infection.

3. For primary-aged pupils, there is no in-class social distancing required. However, we endeavour to keep the children separate within their bubble.

4. Hygiene is an essential part of a safe return, and pupils and staff will be required to wash their hands thoroughly upon arrival at school, before and after eating, and after break times. Hygiene will be everyone's responsibility, including all pupils, to ensure we make the Academy as safe as we possibly can.

As per normal, the Academy will be cleaned every day, and we will be wiping down surfaces and equipment more frequently to reduce transmission of the virus.

Questions and feedback

We completely understand that you will need to feel confident about the arrangements. Please take the time to read the accompanying arrangements document where we explain in more detail how school will work in this 'new normal' environment. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in these documents, please contact us at office@oasiswoodview.org

What do I need to know for September?

We will be starting our new school year on Wednesday 2nd September. All children in years 1 to 6 will begin on that date unless the government change their guidance again. Their school day will start at 8.50am as normal and finish at 3.05pm.

Our new Reception children have a different induction process which they have been made aware of. We look forward to meeting you on your designated day and time.

There is a one way system in place for dropping off and collecting children, a map is attached to show you the route through the school grounds. This route has been successfully trialled over the last two weeks. This route must be adhered to in order to ensure that there is a steady flow around the school grounds avoiding people grouping together. The school gates will be opened just before the start time and finish times for the same reason.

What do I need to do now?

There is a lot of information here, but I wanted you to have the full detail of what we are doing to make the Academy safe and welcoming for our pupils. While it will be a little different to normal we will of course take the time to ensure all of our pupils understand the changes when we welcome them back, and will provide additional support for any of our young people who are apprehensive having been out of school for such a long time.

Having considered the information in this letter and the FAQs, please let us know if you have any further questions you or your child would like to know please contact the school office via email.

If you don't have any further questions, we look forward to seeing your child on *Wednesday 2nd September*.

Thank you as ever for your patience and understanding during this time, and the support you are providing to your child. We cannot wait to welcome them back in September so that they can safely and happily get back to their studies.

Yours sincerely,

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