



24 August 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

## Full reopening in September

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As we approach the end of the summer holiday, I wanted to give further guidance about our plans for September.

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that all students can return to school full time from September and we are looking forward to welcoming your child to Oasis Academy Don Valley for the first time. There are several measures in place to ensure the health and safety of the Academy community and I would ask you to be aware of the following information which is relevant to your child to help us adhere to all guidelines set.

Your child starts the Academy on Thursday 3 September at 9.00am. We have been asked by the Department for Education to minimise contact between different groups of individuals and as such, your child's year group will form a 'bubble'. Students need to avoid any contact with students in different year groups and as such, Year 7 will be based in a smaller number of classrooms than they might have expected and teachers will move to the classrooms rather than students moving to teachers. Your child should enter the Academy via the Main Secondary Academy entrance on the Olympic Legacy Park Boulevard and staff will be on hand on the first day to point students in the right direction.

We encourage all students to walk or cycle to the Academy; all students who use a cycle or scooter should use the Main Academy entrance so they can access the Cycle sheds but please remember that the Academy accepts no responsibility for student equipment. Please remind your child to maintain a 2m social distance from children in other year groups who are using bikes or scooters.

If you intend to transport your child to the Academy, please ensure that you park away from the Academy site and do not open your own car door to minimise risks of transmission of the Coronavirus. Please remind your child to maintain a 2m social distance from children in other year groups en route to the designated Year 7 entrance.

If your child uses public transport to get to school, a face covering must be worn. Students must not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival, dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them and then wash their hands again before heading to the classroom.

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From 7 September, your child should arrive at 8.30am as the Academy does not open before this time and there is no breakfast club. On arrival at the Academy your child must immediately sanitise using the sanitisers which are provided at every doorway — this should be done upon entering and exiting every space. Rows in classrooms face the front and students must sit in the seat allocated by their teacher. A full range of subjects will be taught but students will not access their normal teaching rooms for all lessons.

In order to minimise transmission, students must bring their own equipment and wear their full school uniform. They will not be able to borrow items of equipment or uniform routinely and we ask all families to support us by ensuring that children are fully dressed and equipped for lessons. A reminder of our uniform requirements can be found here and we ask you to follow them closely: <https://www.oasisacademydonvalley.org/academy-life/uniform>.

Students need to bring the following equipment with them to the Academy on a daily basis (which will be distributed on the first day):

- At least two Pens
- A pencil
- A ruler and a rubber
- Some coloured pencils
- Some highlighters
- The Academy planner

They will also need to bring with them provide by home

- A filled water bottle
- A snack for break time as there is no food for sale at this time

On PE days students will attend the Academy within their PE kit — it will not be possible to borrow kit.

Students will use an electronic system to pay for their meals; therefore we encourage all families to use ParentPay to remotely add funds. An activation letter will be sent to you but should you have any queries, please contact [info@oasisdonvalley.org](mailto:info@oasisdonvalley.org) for support.

A PowerPoint has been placed on the Academy website which gives more details about the Academy day and break/lunchtime arrangements from September which ensure that students and staff can adhere to social distancing guidelines. I would ask that you read this carefully and discuss the content with your child.

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During these unprecedented times it is more vital than ever that students abide by our behaviour expectations. Our Behaviour for Learning policy, which aims to catch students doing the 'right thing', will be in operation from September but additionally, the Coronavirus Code of Conduct is vitally important. Any student who is deemed to be knowingly breaking the code of conduct should expect sanctions.

In order to minimise transmission and for the health and safety of the entire school community, if your child, or anyone in your family, begins to display Coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), please book a test at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> It is vitally important that you inform the Academy school immediately if your child displays symptoms on 01723 582194 or via email to [info@oasisdonvalley.org](mailto:info@oasisdonvalley.org).

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Oasis Academy Don Valley; although there is a great deal of information here and many guidelines which we must follow, we cannot wait to finally meet your child. The first days will give many opportunities to get to know staff, other students and the Academy site and we hope that your child will feel fully reassured by the end of the first hour in our Academy! We have planned a series of induction activities which we hope the students will enjoy working with other members of their Advisory group. During the period of the Coronavirus school closure, teachers have been working hard to ensure that planned lessons from September are of the highest possible quality and will give your child a very successful secondary school experience. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school, with email our preferred mode of communication at this point to [info@oasisdonvalley.org](mailto:info@oasisdonvalley.org)

As you are aware from the transition booklet, Mr Mills is our Key Stage 3 Leader and you can contact him via email at [Paul.mills@oasisdonvalley.org](mailto:Paul.mills@oasisdonvalley.org) I know he is looking forward to working with you and your child.

The move to secondary school is a big moment in a child's life and I hope that this letter and our website can help alleviate any anxiety for your child. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pape', is located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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