



10 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Plans for September

I am writing to you to keep you updated on how as an Academy we are preparing for opening in September 2020.

Government Guidance

As I am sure you are aware from the announcements last week the Government has published its expectations for returning to school in September. You can read the guidance using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> or by searching 'DfE guidance September.'

In their guidance the Government has outlined the expectation that all children and students, in both primary and secondary schools are expected to return full-time from the beginning of the academic year in September.

To ensure that our children, students and staff can return safely, there are a number of actions that the Academy has been asked to take to:

- Minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (based on advice from Public Health England)
- Be able to continue teaching and learning in the case of a local outbreak
- Consider 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
- Ensure assessments and accountability are fit for purpose.

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Don Valley?

The safety of all of our children and students, families and staff, remains paramount and will always be our main priority. Over the next week we will be considering carefully the actions listed above, along with many others, in order to ensure that our Academy is as safe as it can be when we reopen to all of our students and children in September. We want to ensure that all of our children and students are happy and confident to return and that we can support everyone to ensure that they get the best start possible in September.

Once we have finalised these plans, I will write to you again to outline our new ways of working. We appreciate your continued support as we work on the new arrangements. We will of course be very happy to receive your feedback and respond to any questions.

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We understand that returning to the Academy after such a long period of time for many of our children and students could be the cause of some anxiety but please be assured we will be making every effort to ensure our plans are clear and accessible in order to give you and your child peace of mind and confidence to return.

As has been the case over these last few months, I would again like to thank you for the support you have shown for the staff here at the Academy and also for what we are aiming to achieve.

Yours sincerely



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