



Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Plans for September

As ever, I send my best wishes to you and your family during the ongoing disruption caused by the Coronavirus outbreak. I am writing to you today to update you on our next steps as an Academy as we prepare for September and to remind you of some key aspects of our Academy.

Government Guidance

As you may know, last week the Government published its expectations for return to school in September. You can read by searching 'DfE guidance September.' In their guidance, the Government makes it clear that all pupils, in all year groups, are expected to return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.

To ensure that our pupils and staff can return safely, there are a significant number of actions that we have 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
- 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
- Ensure assessments and accountability are fit for purpose.

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Leesbrook?

The safety of your child, your family and of our staff, remains paramount and will always be our first priority. Over the past week, and forthcoming weeks, we will be thinking carefully about the issues listed above, along with many others, in order to ensure that we are as safe as we can when we reopen to all students in September, that the children are happy and that we can support everyone to get off to a great start in September.

We will be communicating with you to update you on any specific measures we are taking that we will require you support with. As always, we will welcome any comments or questions you may have for us. Please feel free to email us at info@oasisleesbrook.org should you wish to communicate with us.

We know that returning to school after such a long time for many of our pupils means that there may be some anxiety; we will be making every effort to ensure our plans are clear and accessible in order to give you and your child maximum peace of mind. Please look out for all updates on our website www.oasisacademyleesbrook.org as well as our Facebook and Twitter pages.

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September Learning

We have been delighted with the engagement from the majority of our Leesbrookers during the lockdown. The quality of work completed by many of our students has been overwhelming and we have never been prouder of the commitment and passion our students have shown to their studies. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Oasis Academy Leesbrook staff. From the very first week of lockdown, we had an online learning platform set up leading to 6 hours of learning with a mix of pre-recorded and live lessons. We can never underestimate the amount of work and upskilling this required but, as always, our staff's commitment to our Leesbrookers was at the very forefront of their motivation. This, paired with the weekly, then fortnightly Family Leader, subject teacher and pastoral welfare calls, have meant that we have stayed in touch with our Leesbrook family throughout these difficult times. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, parents and carers, for your overwhelming support; your kind words and messages to the Academy; your support with online learning and your constant understanding during these unprecedented times. I feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Unfortunately, there are some students who have not engaged in online learning, despite support being given. To this end, there will be an expectation for those to partake in extensive, additional work to catch up on their missed learning; this will be in addition to the Academy Consolidation Curriculum that Mr P Jones will communicate to all parents about in September.

In addition, Due to the disruption of Covid-19, we have been unable to meet with you discuss and explore our planned Leesbrook approach to delivering Personal Development Education and RSHE. This process of consultation is something that we are committed to and are not prepared to bypass. In the new term, you will receive an invite to attend a series of Parent Cafés and Workshops exploring what Personal Development Education and RSHE is how we plan to deliver it in the academy. Attendance is of course optional but we look forward to working together with you to design and implement a policy that helps to prepare our children for a healthy, fulfilling, prosperous and safeguarded life in Modern Britain.

Oasis Academy Leesbrook: New Build

You will know that I wrote to you in May regarding the delay to the building of our permanent build on Lees Road. This means that we will be staying in our current, temporary building on Middleton Road until 9th November, 2020. The restriction on space, paired with strict government guidelines to avoid the spread of COVID-19 from September, has meant that we have had to take specific, temporary measures. This means that practical PE lessons will not take place in the first half term; instead, students will start with PE theory and analysis lessons that will prepare them to partake in a thorough and broad PE practical offer using all of the facilities in the new building, from November. Students will be able to go outside at break times and be encouraged to actively 'move around' during this time. In addition, homework will all take place online, with no physical submission of work. To this end, we would really appreciate your support in ensuring that students are supported in using technology at home. Please let Mr P Jones know if you foresee any issues with this in advance of September.

As you will be aware, we have liaised with T Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) to set up a bus route from central Oldham/Chadderton to the new build. This bus route has been mapped to best encompass the route in which many of our students will be travelling on to the new building. This service is provided by Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM) so please contact them for further details and refer to our website for updates. Mr S Jones will be writing to you in the new term with further details on this bus route.

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Parking on Middleton Road

As you are aware, drop off and parking at our current building is extremely limited however, we have managed to secure 30 minutes before and after school on Bloom Street Car Park (over the road from the front of the Academy) for parents to park and drop students off. Please note, Middleton Road has double yellow lines therefore, **it is illegal to park or drop off/stop on this road.** The Local Authority and Police have a presence on this road and will enforce fines for people parking or dropping off. Stopping to drop off on such a busy road is extremely dangerous and can put our students' lives in danger therefore, we ask that you refrain from doing this and use Bloom Street to park up and drop off.

Visitors and Access to the Academy

In order to ensure the safe management of strict hygiene protocols in the Academy, we are operating a zero visitor policy. This means that parents/carers are not permitted on the Academy site. I am sure you will support us to maintain these high levels of risk aversion during these difficult times to ensure the safety of all students and staff on site. If you wish to speak to anyone in the Academy, please contact reception who will arrange a telephone/Teams/Skype meeting, as appropriate. This also applies to dropping students off in the morning. Parents/carers must not go beyond the pavement and enter the Academy site. I will write to all parents/carers once restrictions are relaxed. I really appreciate your support and cooperation in this matter.

Expectations

In line with government announcements, all students are expected back at the Academy for the first day in September which is:

Year 7 Wednesday 9th September, 8:15AM

Year 8: Thursday 10th September, 8:15AM

Year 9 & 10: Friday 11th September, 8:15AM

. Please see below a reminder of our expectations at Oasis Academy Leesbrook:

- The academy day starts at 8:15AM so please ensure that your child is in the building by 8:13AM. Students are welcome to attend Breakfast Club, which provides free unlimited bagels, cereal and porridge for all, from 7:45am. Students who are late to the Academy will be required to sign in at Reception and will have a detention with their Family Leader the same day.
- We are so proud of the student behaviour at Leesbrook. Visitors are always impressed with the maturity and manners of our Leesbrookers. Our expectation is that all students and staff welcome each other with a "good morning" or "good afternoon", make eye contact, smile and help one another, such as opening doors etc... We are all a part of the Leesbrook family.
- Correct uniform must be worn every day. Please look closely at our school website and Home School Agreement to check the details of this. As you will see, we are very specific about our expectations and will not tolerate anything other than the specified uniform and correct clothing/hair styles. Oasis Academy Leesbrook uniform and PE kit is available from Zuttis on Yorkshire Street in Oldham. Black Trousers/black pleated skirt, white shirt, school shoes and PE trainers can be purchased at a shop of your choice.
- We expect students to attend school every single day, with time only taken off for genuine sickness. You will be asked to provide evidence of any emergency medical appointments following return to school. All medical and dental appointments must be taken outside of school time, unless impossible. No holidays will be authorised during the school term and families are likely to be fined by the council if time is taken school to go on holiday or see family abroad.

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- We have a zero tolerance towards bullying. This means that there are serious consequences for anyone found to be trying to bully another student either in school or online. There is an anti-bullying team of staff and students available to all of our students. We ask parents/carers to closely monitor all social media used by their children and ensure that your child is not accessing social media sites when they are underage.
- All students are expected to bring in the correct equipment each day. If they are missing any equipment they can purchase it from our uniform shop at a heavily discounted price. Please note that any student attending the academy in incorrect uniform will be provided with replacement uniform or shoes to enable them to continue with their school day. They will be expected to wear this until the correct uniform is purchased or replaced.

Please ensure that you read our Home School Agreement

https://www.oasisacademyleesbrook.org/uploaded/Leesbrook/About_Us/Policies/Home_School_Agreement_.pdf for further, detailed information regarding our expectations. At Oasis Academy Leesbrook, we pride ourselves on having the highest of expectations in all aspects of our Academy life.

Staff Updates

This year has seen some changes in roles and we have taken on many new staff members to join our Leesbrook family from September. We are also delighted that our extended Leesbrook family has grown! Mrs Murphy (Principal's PA and HR Lead) had baby Stanley in March. Followed by Ms Holmes (Curriculum Leader-MFL) who gave birth to baby Elijah. Then Ms Jenkins (Assistant Headteacher) has baby Jack in April followed by Mrs Mahmood (Teacher of Science) who had baby Eimaan in June! It brings us much joy that all of these babies were delivered safely during lockdown and we cannot wait to welcome the staff back in the next academic year.

In March, we were delighted to appoint Miss Leach as our SENDCo and Mr S Jones as our Assistant Principal, after his secondment to our Senior Leadership Team. Mr Jones has been overseeing the development of our new build and the Community, Culture and Ethos across the Academy. Mr O'Dea will be taking over the leadership of what will be 9SP in September. This also means that Mr Schollar will now be leading PE and Wellbeing across the Academy, along with his role leading on Careers, Transition and Student Experience. Mr Uwais will be taking 8SP I am also delighted to share that Ms Murphy was successful in securing the role as Assistant SENDCo and will be supporting Miss Leach in leading the SEND provision at Oasis Academy Leesbrook. Below is a full staff list from September, with email contacts, should you need to contact any staff.

Unfortunately for us, we say goodbye to Miss Webster at this end of the academic year. Miss Webster will be joining a school closer to her home as a Teacher of Art. We wish her much luck in her new pursuits and thank her for all of her hard work at Leesbrook. Miss Jasat will be taking over 10ST from September.

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Mr Dixon	Assistant Principal: Safeguarding and Attendance		Gavin.dixon@oasisleesbrook.org
Mr S Jones	Assistant Principal: Culture, Community & Ethos/PE & Wellbeing		Sam.jones@oasisleesbrook.org
Mr J Schollar	Student Experience, Transition & Careers Lead. Curriculum Leader for PE & Wellbeing		Jack.schollar@oasisleesbrook.org
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Mr M Uwais	Teacher of Maths	8SP	Mohammad.uwais@oasisleesbrook.org
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Ms Georgina Fell	Teacher of IT and Computer Science		Georgina.fell@oasisleesbrook.org
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Once again, thank you so much for your support during, what has been, one of the most challenging experiences we will ever face as a nation. Your kind acts and words have certainly kept myself and our wonderful staff going throughout. I am so proud of how our students have conducted themselves and how we have all come together as one Leesbrook family. I have missed our students and staff immensely and, although I have been lucky enough to see a selection of students and staff each day, I cannot wait for us all to be completely together again. On our last day all together in March, I shared this quote by A.A. Milne: "how lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard". I now feel even luckier that I get to see all of our students back again and welcoming another new year group in September.

Please have a restful and safe summer and I really do look forward to welcoming you into the next academic year in September.

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