

17th October, 2020



Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 students,

I hope this letter finds you well during these unprecedented times. I am writing to you today to inform you that, due to staff shortages, we have taken the difficult decision to ask all Year 9 students to work from home for the whole week beginning Monday 19th October-Friday 23rd October, 2020. As this coincides with the end of term, students will return to the Academy, in the new building, on Monday 9th November, 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community. For that reason, I have attached Public Health England's latest advice for your reference.

Please note that we are only asking your child to learn from home because we do not currently have enough staff to have them in at the academy. They are not being asked to self-isolate unless they are in a bubble that has previously been sent home however, they will be expected to follow their timetable online and lessons will be posted, with registration recorded, each period therefore, they should not be out and about during school hours as they will be completing their work online.

The school remains open to students in Years 7,8 and 10; they can continue to attend school as normal.

I know asking Year 9 students to learn from home for a week may significantly inconvenience you; please rest assured that we have not taken this decision lightly. All of our online lessons are of a high quality and offer continuity of the learning provision already in place. They are delivered with the teacher present to answer questions and record registration. Non-engagement with online learning will result in a call home and expectation of catch up learning when students return. Please ensure that your child is accessing online learning at home. If you do not have access to a device or internet, we can get booklets sent out. Please contact Mr P Jones

(Paul.Jones@oasisleesbrook.org) if you foresee this being an issue.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, Mrs Dean will be making arrangements for this.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these info@oasisleesbrook.org. If you do not have access to the internet and you have a question, you can call the academy on 0161 290 4000 but please be aware our phonelines may be busy.

Thank you for your continued support for the Academy in, what are, very challenging times locally and nationally.

Take care.

Yours sincerely

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Advice – Public Health England

We know that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, but we all have a responsibility to ensure that we do all that we can to reduce transmission to others.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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