

10th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9 Students

I hope this letter finds you well during this unprecedented time. I am writing to you today to inform you that due to staff shortage we have taken the difficult decision to ask all Year 9 students to work from home from tomorrow, Wednesday 11th November to Friday 20th November, returning to school as normal on Monday 23rd November 2020.

I can confirm that this is not due to high COVID cases amongst staff, so please don't be alarmed, but 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 at the academy. They are not being asked to self-isolate.

The school remains open to students in Years 7, 8 and 11, they must continue to attend as normal.

I know asking Year 9 students to learn from home for the next week and a half may significantly inconvenience you; please rest assured that we have not taken this decision lightly.

All learning for year 9 will take place on **Teams** where work will be uploaded by each subject teacher. If you do not have access to a device such as an iPad or laptop we will also provide students with work booklets. Please contact the academy if your child does not have access to a device.

If your child in year 9 is eligible for free school meals, we have a named box in reception with lunchtime food provisions for you or your child to come and collect any time on Wednesday 11th November from 9:00am.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question, you can email admin@oasislisterpark.org or call the academy on 01274 362050, but please be aware our phone lines may be busy.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation via text, your child's email address or the latest news section on the website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sian Dover'.

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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/>