

14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

### **Christmas holidays and the return to school**

I hope you and your family are well and will be able to enjoy some time off together during the Christmas holiday. I am writing to you regarding arrangements over the break.

#### Final day of term – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

The Department for Education has announced that schools are permitted to close on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December for an INSET day. They want to maximise the time between the end of term and Christmas Day so that if children develop symptoms before the 25<sup>th</sup>, they can isolate prior to mixing with family members from outside their household.

Following consultation with Local Authorities and the DfE, Oasis Community Learning has decided to close all Oasis academies on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. We do understand this will inconvenience some parents, while others have requested this. The key factor in this decision was what is best for the wellbeing of all our academy community.

Therefore, **our last day of term will now be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

You can read the latest guidance about Christmas gatherings by searching for “gov.uk Christmas bubble” or by accessing this webpage:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family)

#### Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

#### Before or on 23<sup>rd</sup> December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, please inform us as soon as possible by emailing us on [admin@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:admin@oasislisterpark.org) so that we can inform close contacts that they will need to isolate. This email address will be monitored closely between 11am and 2pm every day from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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December. Please leave a contact phone number and someone will call and/or email you back that day. If you are unable to email you can call 01274 362050 between 11am and 2pm and your call will be diverted to our Covid line.

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App.

We also require you to let us know by leaving a message by emailing the same email address [admin@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:admin@oasislisterpark.org). Please note that the email address will not be monitored over this period so it is likely that your message will not be read until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### Starting the new term

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us before bringing your child to school, and we can advise you.

If your child is well and is not required to isolate at home, they are to return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – this is the first day back after the Christmas break for all students.**

In the new year we will continue with all our precautions (class bubbles, social distancing, student line ups, designated waiting areas, face coverings and visors, additional handwashing, staggered start and finish times etc) so that we can open safely. We can only do this however if every family follows this advice and is extra vigilant of their child's health. Please only send your child to school if they are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

Sincere thanks from me and the whole staff team for your support over this term. As expected, it has been challenging but the children's determination to learn has been excellent.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Siân Dover'.

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