

15 October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9, Year 10 & 12 Students

I hope this letter finds you well during this unprecedented time.

I am writing to inform you that due to staff shortage, we took the difficult decision to ask all Year 10 and 12 students to work from home at the end of this week. It has now become necessary to further reduce the amount of students in school.

From the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, we will ask year groups 9, 10 and 12 to work from home and to return to the academy as normal after half term on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

I can confirm that this is not due to a confirmed COVID case amongst staff, so please don't be alarmed, but 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 7,8,11 and 13, they can continue to attend school as normal.

I know asking Year 9, 10 and 12 students to learn from home for the remainder of this term may significantly inconvenience you; please rest assured that we have not taken this decision lightly.

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](mailto:admin@oasislisterpark.org) you can 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 black ink that reads "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/>