

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Academy Update**

As we continue to navigate through turbulent times, I want to write and thank you all for your continued support. I hope that you and your families are well, and that life is beginning to get back to normal after such disruption caused by the Covid pandemic.

I continue to be so proud of the staff and students at Oasis Academy Lister Park. The past 18 months have been extremely testing. Many staff and students have lost loved ones to the virus and many have been unwell themselves. As a community we have lost family and friends but together, we have kept the academy focussed on its core purpose in providing the best possible education, care and support we can, and the students have continued to work hard.

I need to apologise to you all for having to close the academy for some year groups over the past weeks and I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding. Some weeks we have had over 40% of staff illness and therefore I had to make the difficult decision to ask certain years to learn from home. When making this difficult decision I must consider the health, safety and safeguarding of the students as the first priority. As well as teaching staff, we have also had site staff, kitchen staff, first aid staff, and members of the safeguarding team who have been absent and so it has been necessary to ask some year groups to work from home to ensure we put safety of students first.

### **Mock Exams**

Next week our year 11 students begin their mock GCSE exams, and we wish them all well. Although confirmation about the summer exams has not been released yet by the government it is likely that students will sit a full suite of exams and it is therefore important that they have time to practice these, and that teachers have time to analyse the gaps in learning to help plan for their teaching in the spring term.

### **Staff Changes**

On a different note, I would like to congratulate Mr Hainsworth on his appointment to Deputy Principal at Oasis Academy Lister Park. His passion and drive for delivering the best quality education, care, and support for all our young people is clear and myself and Mrs Hackett, the other Deputy Principal, look forward to moving the academy to the next level with his expertise and knowledge. As we build capacity in our senior leadership team to ensure the academy continues to improve at pace, we will also be appointing two new Assistant Principals in the coming weeks.

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**School Communication – ceasing the use of SMS**

Finally, I want to remind you that from February half term, any further communication from myself and the academy will be delivered to you via email and/or MYCAS. It is therefore an urgent request that you provide us with an email address which all correspondence will go to. We will no longer be using text messages to communicate, and all information will be emailed to parents, sent through MYCAS or put on the school website. Please complete the attached form and bring back to your child’s form tutor by Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2022.

Once again, thank you for the continued support you provide to the academy as we do all we can to ensure we deliver the best quality education, care and support to all our young people so that they may go on to live happy, healthy and successful lives.

Yours faithfully,

Sian Dover  
**Principal**  
**Oasis Academy Lister Park**

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**This form MUST be returned to school**

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, all correspondence to parents and carers from Oasis Academy Lister Park will be through email and/or MYCAS. This includes your child’s report, timetable, information about trips and visits, free school meal information and any other information coming from the Principal or others members of the academy.

You must therefore provide the academy with an email address which you nominate all correspondence to go to.

Student’s Name: .....

Parent/Carer Email address:.....

Please hand this into your child’s form teacher, no later than Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2022