



Dear parents and carers,

### **Returning to school and Covid-19 precautions from September**

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Some of these precautions will be the same as those in place in your child's previous primary school, some are secondary specific, and some are changing over the summer break.

We want your child to have a great experience joining the academy, and this letter is to try and explain everything in place to avoid any undue concern.

#### What precautions will be in place in September?

##### Hand Hygiene

Pupils and staff will continue to wash their hands thoroughly and often.

##### 'Catch it, bin it, kill it'

We will continue to follow good hygiene around sneezing, using and then disposing tissues safely.

##### Cleaning

We will continue to have a thorough cleaning schedule with regular cleaning equipment and a focus on frequently touched areas.

##### Ventilation

We will continue to ensure that the school is well ventilated.

##### COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests

Pupils and staff must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid, have had a positive test, or are required to quarantine. If a pupil shows symptoms at school, parents will need to collect them and request a test.

The household (including any symptoms) should follow the [Public Health England stay at home guidance](#) for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.

##### Risk assessments

Senior leaders at school will continue to meet regularly to assess the risk at school. If necessary and

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in consultation with Public Health England, we will make changes to our arrangements to increase the precautions we have in place.

#### Tracing close contacts and isolation

As with your child's primary school, we have been conducting contact tracing this year if ever there was a confirmed case of Covid-19. In the Autumn schools will not be responsible for contact tracing. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will contact the family of the pupil with a confirmed case to identify who they have been in close contact with.

In addition, from September children under 18 will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed case. Instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR Test.

#### Face coverings

From September, the Government have explained that nationally face coverings will no longer be advised for secondary students, staff, and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. However, due to high levels of cases in our region, and the continued risk of Covid Bradford Council have stated "Pupils in secondary schools should continue to wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas in schools (but not in classrooms)."

As your child has been at primary school this year, they may not have worn a face covering this year or be used to wearing one.

In line with Bradford Council advice, we strongly encourage students and staff to wear a face covering with current local authority advice.

The new guidance requires us to be able to quickly move to all students wearing a face covering at should positive cases rise within the academy or in our local community and Public Health England advise us to.

#### Asymptomatic testing

Testing has been an important aspect of reducing the risk of infection spreading within secondary schools this year, and this is something that the Government requires in the Autumn Term.

The guidance explains that all secondary school pupils will receive 2, on-site lateral flow device (LFD) tests. The first test will be on, or just before, their first day of school, and the second 3 to 5 days afterwards.

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In addition to the onsite tests, pupils and staff are encouraged to continue to take two LFD tests each week at home in the new term until the end of September, when the government will review this.

As your child has been at primary school, they may not have taken a lateral flow test and certainly not at school. As you will know tests are simple to take but we want to ensure every pupil is comfortable.

Please see the additional information that I have included with this letter about asymptomatic testing, that asks for your consent. We must receive your consent for your child to take a LFD test, and we encourage every student and family to consider this request carefully. The tests provide an additional protection that helps us to reduce the risk of Covid-19 amongst our school community.

The easiest way to give consent is via the MCAS App - If you do not have access to the MCAS app, information on how to download the app is available on our school website here [MCAS - Oasis Academy Lister Park](#). All new year 7 students will receive a school and user ID in order to access MCAS.

We are of course pleased that the Government says it is safe to begin reducing some of the COVID-19 precautions, however we need everyone to continue to take the pandemic seriously.

### Arrangements for return to school in September

**Students will return on Tuesday 7th September for LFT Testing only.** Students will only be requested in school for a test then they are to go home. Students must also be in full school uniform please. Testing will be completed on by year group as follows:

Year Group	Reporting time	Testing end time	Line Up location
Years 13, 12	8:30	9:30	Moghul Gardens
Year 11	9:30	10:30	Moghul Gardens
Year 10	10:30	11:30	Moghul Gardens
Year 9	11:30	12:30	Moghul Gardens
Year 8	12:30	13:30	Moghul Gardens
Year 7	13:30	15:00	Moghul Gardens

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Following the testing day students will return as detailed below:

**Wednesday 8th September (Year 7, 12 &13):**

Year 7 from 0825 report to the Main Hall on arrival

Year 12 at 1100 report to the Main Hall on arrival

Year 13 at 1300 report to the Main Hall on arrival

All year groups will be dismissed at 1500, the new Academy finish time.

**Thursday 9th September (All Year groups):**

Year	Line Up Space	Start Time	End of Day time
Year 7	Outside of Stair 3	0825	1500
Year 8	Outside Sports Hall	0825	1500
Year 9	Moghul Gardens	0825	1500
Year 10	Student Entrance 2	0825	1500
Year 11	Student Entrance 1	0825	1500
Post 16	Normal Lessons	1100	1500

As at your child’s primary school, they must only come to school if they are well, and everyone is responsible for following all precautions that remain in place.

We hope this this letter is helpful in providing you and your child with a comprehensive explanation of what precautions we have in place.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, information on how to download the app is available on our school website here [MCAS - Oasis Academy Lister Park](#) . If you are having difficulty accessing MCAS you can email [admin@oasislisterpark.org](mailto:admin@oasislisterpark.org) or call the school.

I wish you a relaxing and happy summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

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