



2nd March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Primary – March Return

Note on additional arrangements

More information on our arrangements

Please see below further detail around the arrangements we will have in place at the Academy to reduce risk when every pupil returns on Monday 8th March. You will note that these are very similar to the arrangements we had in place in September.

If there is anything further you would like to ask please do not hesitate to phone the school office on 01724 861072 and either myself or a member of staff will be happy to talk to you.

Thank you

I appreciate there is a lot of detail below but I wanted to share it with you and be able to show, that as an academy, we are trying to do everything we can to keep our community safe.

Kind regards

Mrs. Norriss

1. Attendance

The Government's guidance is clear that students are expected to attend school on Monday 8th March. This means that parents have a duty to ensure that their child regularly attends school, and that schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. If someone in the household has received a letter to shield then the Government has stated that children within that household are still expected to attend school.

2. Social Distancing

We will have a number of one-way systems in place, and there will be 2m distance tapes in place around the Academy so that pupils can be reminded of the need for distancing wherever possible. There will also be notices reminding students about the need for good respiratory hygiene (catch it/bin it /kill it) and we will ensure ventilation wherever possible.

For primary-aged pupils, there is no in-class social distancing required. However, we are implementing a no touching policy from Year 2 upwards (no hugging, high fives, hand holding etc.)

3. Class Bubbles

As part of our social distancing precautions, your child's class group will become a 'bubble' which includes their classmates and their teacher. This will help us to minimise contacts and mixing, while delivering a broad and balanced curriculum.

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4. Reduced access to outdoor visitors

To help us reduce the risk of infection, we are asking parents to communicate with us via the telephone 01724 861072 or e mail and not to enter the foyer unless an appointment has been made first.

The settling and welcoming of our pupils is the main priority and I have asked all staff to be available to our pupils to help with their anxieties. If you need to speak to any member of staff please can you ring first and that member of staff will get back to you by the end of the day. Thank you

If it is required for you to come into the Academy, you will be asked to wear a disposable face covering provided by us, unless you are exempt.

5. Hygiene and cleaning

We will ensure that pupils and staff understand that good hygiene is everyone's responsibility and that we are all responsible for each other's health. We will maintain intensified cleaning routines with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. As per normal, the Academy will be cleaned every day and there will be disinfectant sprays and paper for cleaning purposes in each classroom.

6. Cleaning hands

Everyone will be asked to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser. Pupils will clean their hands:

- when they arrive at the school
- when they return from breaks
- before and after eating

7. Risk assessments

The thorough risk assessment we follow has been developed from the Government and detailed guidelines from the Oasis Community Learning. Our completed risk assessment will be signed off by the Oasis national leadership team along with myself as Principal, and will remain under constant review as we monitor our progress.

8. Getting to and from school

The Government explain that pupils and staff may use public transport where necessary, but encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so. We know that this will not always be possible, so please let us know any concerns around this.

People aged 11 and over must wear a face covering when travelling on public transport. People who are exempt do not need to wear a face covering.



9. Face Coverings

Pupils in primary school do not need to wear a face covering in school. If your child wears a face covering on the way to school, they must remove them on arrival by using the straps rather than the front of their mask. They will be required to wash their hands immediately. They will then be required to dispose of any temporary face coverings they may have been wearing in a covered bin, or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag which they can pick up later when leaving to go home, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.

We kindly request that only one parent comes into the school to drop off or pick up their child and please wear a mask even if you have had the vaccination. The reason being is to protect all of those people who have not yet had vaccinations as there is a chance you may still transmit the virus. Thank you

We continue to have a stock of PPE within the Academy, including face-masks, disposable gloves, disposable aprons, hand sanitisers and soap, if required.

10. Devices, water bottles and other equipment

If your child has a school-issued laptop or iPad, we ask that they bring it back to school on the first day, fully charged. Thank you

We will continue to provide each child with their own individual water bottle. They will be cleaned well at the end of the day and filled up during the day so that pupils have access to fresh water throughout the day.

Pupils should not bring in any unnecessary equipment into school. We will be giving pupils their own pens and pencils to use while they are at school and these will be dedicated for their personal use.

11. Uniform

All pupils should return in full uniform. They do not need to be cleaned more often than usual.

12. Suspected symptoms, a confirmed case, and multiple confirmed cases

We will be following the government's direct guidance on what to do if there a pupil or staff member has suspected coronavirus symptoms or is confirmed to have the virus. *We have provided this guidance below.*

Advice on parent and academy actions in the case of coronavirus

1. Suspected symptoms of coronavirus amongst the school community

The Academy will fully engage with the NHS Test and Trace process and contact our local Public Health England health protection team.

Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop.

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Parents/carers need to be ready to:

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- Book a test if they or their child has symptoms (by searching '[NHS Test and Trace](#)', or calling NHS 119).

The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough
 - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
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- Provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with if you or your child test positive for coronavirus or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
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- Self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus

Parents must inform the Academy immediately of the results:

- If you or your child tests negative, and if you or your child feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), you can stop self-isolating.
- if you or your child tests positive, you should follow the '[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and your child may only return to school if they do not have symptoms other than a cough.

2. Confirmed case of coronavirus amongst the school community

The Academy will take swift action if we become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus. We will contact the local health protection team that will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

Based on the advice from the health protection team, we would then send home those students who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for the next 10 full days counting from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive. Close contact means:

- anyone who lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus symptoms or who has tested positive for coronavirus
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus:
 - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre
 - been within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
 - travelled in the same vehicle

The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home, and we will keep a record of students and staff in each bubble to help in this instance.

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Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless your child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

If someone in a bubble that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 10-day isolation period they should follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection'. They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period.
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- If the test result is positive, they should inform the Academy immediately, and should isolate from the day of onset of their symptoms and at least the following 10 full days. Their household should self-isolate starting from when the symptomatic person in their household first had symptoms and the next 10 full days, following guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

3. If we have more than one confirmed case

If the Academy was to experience an outbreak (2 or more confirmed cases of coronavirus among students or staff within 14 days, or if there is an increase in absence due to suspected cases of coronavirus), we will contact our local health protection team. This team will advise any additional action, though the closure of the whole school will generally not be necessary.

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