

Monday 4th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Important Update – Tuesday 5th January

Further to my letter last week on the arrangements for the next couple of weeks, I am writing to you with an important update regarding tomorrow. All Oasis academies will be holding an additional INSET day on Tuesday 5th January, in addition to the one today.

I apologise for the late notice of this change but considering reports that the new variant of the coronavirus can travel between people more quickly, we wanted to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe.

The controls we have had in place at the school since September have worked well to keep our school community safe, and tomorrow we will be revisiting each to ensure we remain fully compliant. Our Health and Safety Committee will be meeting, and as a staff team we will again go over the safety measures we have in place.

All schools within the Oasis Community Learning family will be using the day to double, treble check the precautions, and if possible, introduce additional safeguards. Please rest assured that this is not due to any concerns at the Academy about the measures we have in place, rather we are taking the time to go through everything methodically. As ever, everyone's health and safety is our priority.

Primary - Children of critical workers, or those determined as 'vulnerable'

The Academy will be open to all children whose parents are key workers, or who are determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable', from Wednesday 6th January, not Tuesday 5th January as originally planned. Please check the attached information provided for further guidance on this.

Primary – All other children

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All other children will be able to access remote education from Wednesday 6th January, not Tuesday 5th January as originally planned.

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not eligible to come to school at this time, then they will be able to collect a hamper from Wednesday from the Academy – please email office@oasis Skinner Street.org to arrange a collection slot.

Once again, I apologise for the late notice of this change; please rest assured that we are doing all that we can to make the Academy safe for everyone, reduce risk however we can, and to be open for as many of our pupils as is safely possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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If you have requested a Critical worker place you will be contacted on Monday 4th January to confirm the days available. Vulnerable families will also be contacted on the 4th to confirm their expected attendance. Drop off and pick up times will remain the same as when the Academy is fully open:

	Drop off	Collection
R	09:15	14:45
1 & 2	09:05	14:55
3 & 4	08:55	15:05
5 & 6	08:45	15:15

Please ensure when dropping off or collecting your child that you maintain social distancing and wear a face covering.

Teaching

In order to ensure our pupils receive the best level of education possible teaching will be on teams and a full day of lessons will be available every day (see below for specific key stage provision).

Invites will be sent to pupils who can then join each session. Every lesson will be recorded so that children can catch up in their own time if they are unable to access when sessions are live.

Assignments will also be set on Teams and these need to be completed.

Unfortunately due to not all devices not being returned before Christmas we have no devices left to give out to families.

EYFS

Play based sessions will be shared to continue the development of the seven key areas.

Each day there will be:

- Literacy activity
- Maths activity

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- Play-based activity for one of the other areas of learning.

This will be supplemented by:

- Daily live phonics sessions
- Daily live story time
- Daily live circle time
- MyOn (for reading)
- Maths with Parents

KS1

Each day live Phonics, English and Maths lessons will be delivered in the mornings. There will also be a live session delivered in the afternoons, to meet the requirements of the wider curriculum (Humanities/Science/Art/RE/MfL).

In addition, there will be a live story session every day.

KS2

Each day live English (writing), Guided Reading and Maths lessons will be delivered in the mornings. There will also be a live session delivered in the afternoons, to meet the requirements of the wider curriculum (Humanities/Art/Science).

In addition, there will be a live story session every day.

Assemblies

During a lock-down assemblies would continue as normal via teams. All pupils will be sent an invite to join. Assemblies will also be recorded to enable pupils to access them at a convenient time.

Additional resources:

- MyOn (for reading)
- Maths with Parents
- Timetables Rock stars- tournaments for the next two weeks, there will be rewards and certificates for the winning players/ classes.

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Contact us

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For inclusion including any SEND issues please email:

inclusions@oasis Skinner Street.org

For any safeguarding concerns please email:

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For general enquiries please email:

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To contact the Principal team please email:

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