



18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

On Tuesday, you received a text message link to a letter from John Murphy, CEO of Oasis Community Learning, with respect to the current situation regarding the outbreak of the coronavirus.

Further to this, I wanted to update you on the steps I am taking to ensure the safety of Lord's Hill students, and their continued education, in the eventuality of an enforced closure of the academy. Whilst we remain fully open for the foreseeable future, I think it is sensible to prepare for the possibility of a period of closure and I want us all to be ready in case this happens.

On Tuesday, I spoke to Year 7-10 students in assemblies about the outbreak of the coronavirus, and the simple steps that students can take to support the wider community at this time. This included emphasising the importance of students washing their hands. I provided clear guidance on when students should and should not be in school, in line with current government advice. I also spoke to students about the steps that the academy was taking to prepare for the possibility of learning at home in the event of an enforced closure in the coming weeks.

In the event of closure, we will expect all students to learn at home using work set by their teacher. The main communication method between students and their teachers will be through academy email. Teaching staff will maintain daily contact with each of their classes. Having prioritised Year 11 last week, every Year 7-10 student in school has now been provided with a help sheet with details of how to access their academy email from home. We have also provided students with login details and information on how to access a number of important independent learning portals, including Hegarty Maths and SENECA Learning. **I would be grateful if you could ensure that you have seen a copy of this help sheet and that it is kept somewhere safe at home.** On our academy website, you can find an online learning guide for parents, which I include with this letter. This is under the 'Home Learning' section of the 'Learning' tab.

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I am aware that some students may not have accessed our online learning training due to absence in recent days. I also recognise that it may be challenging for some families to provide their children with either a desktop or laptop computer with access to the internet in the event of having to learn from home. If you would like us to send you your child's login details, require support with online learning in the event of academy closure, or have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. This should be done by email using the following address info@oasislordshill.org. We will endeavour to respond to all enquiries within 48 hours.

I wish to re-emphasise that at the moment, the academy is fully open. Should the situation change, I will update you as soon as possible. We are closely following the government's advice on how to keep everyone safe and well.

I thank you for your continued support for our academy community at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Forder', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Rob Forder
Principal



Academy Online learning: guidance for parents

This is the key information for your son/daughter to access learning from home.

We have already undertaken a session in the Academy to familiarise our students with accessing these vital resources.

Please check that your son/daughter can access these from home via their phone, tablet or laptop/desktop.

In the event of any questions or enquiries, please use the email info@oasislordshill.org

Key items to access:

1. **Academy email:** forename.surname@oasislordshill.org

Go to the Academy website

<https://www.oasisacademylordshill.org>

Scroll right to the bottom. Click on the webmail link at the bottom.

[Your password is the same as the password you use to log into a computer at school](#)

If you have any issues with logging in, please email info@oasislordshill.org and we will support you.

Students will need to access this email to receive details of the lessons set by their teachers daily.

2. **Seneca:** <https://www.senecalearning.com/>

Log in is the same as the Academy email address.

Passwords are set by the student.

If a password has been forgotten, then a student can click on the “forgotten password” link and enter their email address for this to be reset.

Students will use this in all years to check key knowledge and complete assignments related to themes/topics covered in class.

Remote Working

Work From Home

Webmail

OasisZone (Office 365)





3. (Years 10 and 11 only) GCSE Pod: <https://www.gcsepod.com>



LOGIN

NEW HERE? GET STARTED

When students first access this, they need to go to the “New here, get started” link. They will be asked for their details and the name of the Academy (Oasis Academy Lord’s Hill)

Students will be set work and assignments to complete on this website, which revises key knowledge of the examinations.

4. **Hegarty Maths:** <https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

Students already have their username and password. If they have forgotten these details, there is a reset password link on the login page.

Students will be set tasks to complete on this website to review and check their key knowledge.

5. **Spellzone:** <https://www.spellzone.com>

Spellzone tasks can be set by English teachers as part of the learning package to support literacy and spelling. It is suitable for all levels of learner from beginner to adult.

Click on the Log in button at the top right of the screen and enter the username and password.

The Spellzone username and password provided by school is case sensitive. In most cases this is the same as the Accelerated Reader login.

If your child cannot remember their login details please email Miss

Taggart: sarah.taggart@oasislordshill.org