



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## Update on Reopening Secondary Schools for Year 10 Students

I hope you and your family have been well during these weeks of lockdown, and managed to enjoy some of the wonderful weather over half-term.

### Updated Government guidance on the reopening of secondary schools

Following my previous letter of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, you may have seen an announcement from the Government regarding the phased return of Year 10 students. I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy Lord's Hill.

Government guidance states that from and not before **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, secondary schools should begin to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the Year 10 cohort at any one time. This is to supplement remote education of Year 10 students, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for this year group. You can read the longer guidance by [clicking here](#).

### What does this mean for Oasis Academy Lord's Hill Year 10 students?

The safety of your child and your family, and of our staff, is our number one priority. The Government has provided a list of actions they would like the academy to take to ensure that we can open for more young people safely. Over the last few weeks Oasis' primary academies across the country have been preparing for reopening this week, and we have been following similar risk assessments in anticipation of this Government announcement.

I am extremely ambitious for Year 10 students at Lord's Hill to receive some face-to-face support as soon as it is safe for them to do so, and we will be working hard over the next two weeks to make the necessary arrangements. As you can imagine, there are lots of things to consider. We have already begun to redesign our site to ensure we can adhere to social distancing guidelines throughout the academy site. As part of this, our classrooms have also been rearranged to accommodate a maximum of five students. In addition, we have ordered thermometers so that we can conduct temperature checks on everyone that enters the academy site.

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I know that you will have many questions about returning to school, about how things will work in school in this new environment. We understand that you and your child will need to feel confident about the arrangements. As such, we will be providing you with the opportunity to ask any questions and to raise any concerns with us as part of our planning. Early this week, you will receive a text message with a link to a very short survey to support us with our planning. I would be grateful if you could complete this as soon as possible.

Once we have fully thought through the arrangements to meet the Government's requirements, we intend to open the academy safely for our Year 10 students, on a rota basis. I will write to you again, no later than Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, to confirm arrangements for your child.

If you have any questions at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us by using the email address: [info@oasislordshill.org](mailto:info@oasislordshill.org). Please rest assured that we are taking the reopening of the academy extremely seriously, and I am very grateful for your patience with us as we work on the necessary arrangements ahead of 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely

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

Mr Rob Forder  
Principal