



4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

### Important Update – Additional INSET Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Firstly, I would like to wish all of our families a Happy New Year. I do hope this year brings happiness and success to the academy community.

Further to my letter last week on the arrangements for the start of term, I am writing to you with an important update regarding tomorrow. All Oasis academies will be holding an additional INSET day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, in addition to the one being held today.

I apologise for the late notice of this change but considering reports that the new variant of COVID-19 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 Academy since September have worked very well to keep our school community safe, and tomorrow we will be revisiting each to ensure we remain fully compliant. All schools within Oasis be using the day to double-check the precautions, and if possible, introduce additional safeguards. Our Health and Safety Committee will be meeting, and as a staff team we will again go over the COVID-secure measures we have in place.

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.

### What does this mean for my child?

Students whose parents are critical workers, or who are determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable', are to attend school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, not Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January as previously communicated.

If your child is determined as 'vulnerable', we will contact you either today or tomorrow to invite your child to school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at their normal bubble start time. Please note that 'vulnerable' children include those who do have an IT device or access to the internet at home.

All other students are to access their lessons remotely from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, via Microsoft Teams. We expect that all children not attending school will attend these lessons on a suitable device at home. Failure to do so will result in children missing important new learning. Please note that because of our use of Microsoft Teams, we will not be providing students with work packs.

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Moving forwards, students in Year 11 will return to school in person on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. All other students are required to return to school in person on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

### COVID-19 testing within school

As I have communicated previously, we are continuing to develop our plans for delivering rapid COVID-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again later this week with more information, including how we will gather permission and consent for your child to be tested at the Academy.

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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



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