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11th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oasis Academy Temple will be re-opening from 15th June

I hope you and your family are well. I am pleased to be writing to you today with an update on the further re-opening of the Academy from next week.

As I have mentioned in previous communications, for us to re-open we need to meet the strict safety criteria set out by the Government, the Local Authority and Oasis Community Learning Trust as well as undertaking a detailed risk assessment and providing strict hygiene and safety procedures.

We are satisfied that the criteria for opening the academy more widely has been met and there are no concerns that have been raised by Manchester Local Authority and their respective Directors of Public Health.

We are therefore delighted that we are able to extend our opening to the eligible year groups as from Monday 15th June in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

What does this mean for my child?

If you previously indicated that your child who is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 would be returning to school, we are now able to welcome them back in for either Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday as previously planned. Please look at your previous letter that states the days for your child to attend and the start times for different year groups.

1) Attendance

We will be implementing the **2 square metre** social distancing rule everywhere for everyone. We have completed a careful evaluation of the space and our staff capacity and have established that we can safely accommodate between 4-7 children per class.

2) Drop-off and pick up and communication through the day

As you can imagine, dropping off and picking up poses a challenge for managing social distancing for you and other parents and all the children. Being outside does significantly reduce the risk so we will be asking parents to drop off their child at the school car park. Parents/carers will be required to wait at the turning circle outside the Transport Museum. Please be aware that only one parent can do this. There will be a temperature check at the car park gate. To reduce the risk of spreading the virus, parents will not be able to access the playground as normal.

Age Group	Drop-off time	Pick-up time
Reception	9:30am	3:30pm
Year 1	9:00am	3:00pm
Year 6	8:30am	2:30pm

During the day, we ask that you communicate with us only via the telephone 0161 205 1932 or admin@oasistemple.org. To reduce any risk further, parents, and all other external visitors to the Academy, will not be allowed onto school premises for the time being.

3) Temperature Testing and Testing for Corona

While it is not a requirement, each child will then have a temperature check with a thermal (non-contact) thermometer. If your child has a temperature we will ask you to take them home to reduce the risk of someone who may have the virus from entering the Academy.

Please be assured that staff will be undergoing the same checks.

If you think your child is displaying symptoms of the virus it would be helpful to get them tested. You can do so by checking here for the nearest centre (<https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>). If they are positive we depend on you to alert us at the soonest possible moment so that we can advise other parents and take the necessary steps to isolate children and staff.

4) Risk Assessments

We have completed a thorough risk assessment following guidance from the Government (you can read this guidance and the guidance from the Government to parents by searching for 'Opening schools guidance for parents.'

We have reviewed every procedure in the school in the light of the virus including how we will set out classrooms, the use of PPE by staff, how to manage drop-off and pick up, the use of temperature checks, how the children will have access to hand washing, how they will move around the Academy safely and many more issues etc.

The risk assessment will be signed off by the Oasis national leadership team along with myself and Ian Simpson and will remain under constant review as we monitor our progress and as the country's situation changes.

5) Social Distancing

As indicated above, we have created social distancing routes around the Academy and we have rearranged classrooms to meet requirements for social distancing. We have prioritised the use of classrooms with sinks, or nearby to washing facilities.

It is important to say that we fully understand any anxiety you may have about young children not being able to manage social distancing.

With this in mind, we will be developing strict routines for the children to follow and we have kept the ratios of children to staff very low. We will keep them in small groups which will remain the same throughout the time they are in school. They will stay in one classroom with limited movement around the Academy. They will have their food and drinks brought to them. If they use any equipment it will be washed down afterwards and before it is allowed to be used by others.

6) Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

We have a stock of PPE within the Academy, including face-masks, disposable gloves, disposable aprons, hand sanitisers and soap. While we are not expecting to have any shortages of PPE, we will only remain open if we have enough equipment.

Please note that the latest Government guidance is that wearing a face mask in schools is not recommended; effective cleaning, excellent hygiene and developing new routines are deemed the most effective way to control the spread of the virus. However, we have agreed that if staff wish to wear to a mask they have the opportunity to do so. Masks for children, particularly young children is considered unsafe.

7) Uniform

In order to take every opportunity to limit any spread of the virus we respectfully recommend that you wash your child's clothes which they have worn to school at the end of every day. In order to make this easier to cope with we are happy for the children to wear easily washable clothes if it is not possible to change their uniform daily.

8) Hygiene

We have increased cleaning across the Academy, with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. There will be disinfectant sprays for cleaning purposes in each classroom. The school will be thoroughly cleaned each day and will have been thoroughly cleaned before the children return. We have established routines for hand washing on coming into school and leaving and also before and after breaks. There are hand sanitizers around the academy.

9) Getting to and from school

The latest advice from the Government is that you should try to avoid public transport especially at peak times and, where possible, travel to and from the Academy by walking or cycling. We have tried to stagger arrival times with this in mind – see point 2 above. Only one parent/carers will be allowed to pick up and drop off your child and all children including any Y6 child will need be dropped off and collected by an adult.

10) Equipment

Please do not allow your child to bring any equipment into school including any school bags. See the next paragraph about school lunches. Water bottles will be provided by school. We will be giving the children their own pens, and pencils etc. to use while they are at school and these will be dedicated for their use.

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11) School lunches

All students who are able to attend school will be provided with a free school lunch. Therefore, there is no need to bring food into the Academy.

If you are eligible for the government's food voucher scheme, run by Edenred, then you will continue to receive a voucher in the usual way even if your child attends the academy and receives a meal there.

12) Curriculum planning and online learning

Online learning will continue for:

- Those year groups who are not in school
- Those children who cannot come into school because they need to be shielded or are shielding others

Arrangements are different for each year group, but our teachers will be sharing the teaching and learning. Some will be providing the teaching within school, while others will be providing the online learning from home.

If you previously indicated that your child who is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 would not be returning to school, but you would now like for them to return to the Academy please contact us at admin@oasistemple.org. Please wait for us to confirm that this will be possible as we may need to make additional arrangements for this to be possible.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please contact the Academy on admin@oasistemple.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Simpson and Mrs Crew

Oasis Academy open for some pupils – 15th June 2020

The Government has asked schools to welcome back pupils in early years settings and those in Reception, Year 1, and Year 6. This is in addition to the children who are priority for a place.

The published guidance from the Government to [parents and carers is available here](#).

For the latest information on the arrangements we are making to re-open on and after 15th June for the above pupils, please see the letters from the Principal on the news section of the website.

We are unfortunately unable to open for other pupils at this time, and they should continue with their remote learning.

How to stay safe

Following the closure of all schools in March, the Government has updated their guidance on how to stay safe during the coronavirus outbreak. You can access the latest information by visiting the Government's website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

The guidance is as follows:

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 meters apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.