

## **Exceptional Education at the Heart of the Community**

Date: 02/10/20

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## **Request for support**

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Oasis Academy Temple. Mrs Crew will be writing directly to the parents of the Year groups affected. I am writing to you today to ask for further support from you to reduce the risk of the virus spreading within our Academy community.

Mrs Crew and all of the staff team have worked extremely hard to put extensive measures in place to make sure that your children and the staff are as safe as possible so that the children can be free to be in school, learning alongside their friends. If your child is well, and their class has not been asked to self-isolate, they are to be in school.

We can only stay open if every member of our Academy community follows the directions we receive from the healthcare experts. If we all follow the guidance and ensure that children that are unwell are kept at home, we will not have to ask year groups to learn from home.

It is very important that you do not send your children to school if **they**, or **any member of your household**, have any of the following symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you think your child or any member of your household has one of these symptoms, if only mildly, please keep your child at home, and do not risk spreading the virus amongst the wider school community. If your child displays symptoms whilst at school, or when they arrive, we will require parents to immediately collect them and to self-isolate.

In addition, we are now requesting all parents wear a face covering when you collect your child, unless you have an underlying health condition that means you cannot. If you are able to wear a face covering or not, we also require parents to stand apart while collecting your child, keeping a safe social distance. By doing so, we reduce the risk of infection both at the Academy and in our wider community.

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we re-open the Academy, and thank you in advance for carefully checking whether your child is showing any symptoms and for wearing a face covering when collecting your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Arya

Regional Director, Oasis Community Learning