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BA (Hons) QTS Med NPQH

28th August 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Arrangements for the return to school

We hope you and your family have had a peaceful summer despite all the restrictions.

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back, and also to being able to come back together again as a whole school. Some of this guidance may be familiar from previous letters but, because things have continued to change over the summer, we have continued to work on the issue of safety and there are therefore some significant changes that we would like to make you aware of. You can read [their guidance here](#)/or by searching for 'Guidance for full opening: schools.'

We aim to do everything that we can to maximise safety for our pupils, families and staff.

Summary

1. As part of Oasis Community Learning, we have completed an in-depth risk assessment which will be updated on a weekly basis by the academy and reported to Oasis.

2. In order to reduce the risk of transmission across the whole academy and each group of children, pupils from each Year Group will be in 'bubbles' and have break and lunchtimes together. This will reduce the number of contacts each pupils has with other year groups, and reduce the chance of spreading infection.

3. Hygiene remains an essential part of a safe return. Pupils and staff will be required to wash their hands thoroughly upon arrival at school, before and after eating, and after break times. Pupils will have access to a sink for handwashing. We will also have hand sanitiser dispensers at all receptions, all entrances and exits, dining rooms, halls and first aid rooms.

Everyone will be reminded of the importance of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach, and we will have enough tissues and bins available throughout the school to follow this routine. Hygiene will be everyone's responsibility, including all pupils, to ensure we make the Academy as safe as we possibly can.

The Academy will be cleaned every day as normal, and we will be wiping down surfaces and equipment more frequently to reduce transmission of the virus.

4. The Government does not recommend that face masks are used by primary-aged children within school, but has mandated the use of face coverings for secondary students as they move around their school.

Again, this is a matter that Oasis has given a lot of thought to. Oasis believes that health and safety is **not** a discretionary matter. It is not permitted for primary students (children 11 or under) to wear face coverings but we will be requiring all staff to wear visors when they are teaching and face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

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Questions and feedback

Please take the time to read the included arrangements document where we explain in more detail how school will work. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in these documents, please contact us at admin@oasistemple.org.

We wanted you to have the full information on the preparations we are completing to make the Academy safe and welcoming for everyone. We recognise that for some of our pupils this will be the first time back in school after many months and the arrangements will be unfamiliar. We will take the time to ensure they understand the changes as soon as they return and will provide additional support for those who are apprehensive.

If you don't have any further questions, we look forward to seeing your child on their first day back at school.

As a member of Year 1, 3 and 5, your child's first day back will be Thursday 4th September see table below for start/end times and entry and exit gates. These year groups will not be in again until Monday 7th September.

As a member of Year Reception, 2, 4, 6 your child's first day back will be Friday 5th September see table below for start/end times and entry and exit gates.

We realise that these staggered start/finish times will not suit everybody but we are asking for your support as this new way of working evolves. It is very difficult in such a large school to get the timings right for all families but we have to have safety as our number one priority.

Thank you for your continued support as we make these arrangements.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs Crew
Oasis Academy Temple

Arrangements

1) Attendance

The Government's guidance is clear that pupils are expected to attend school from September following the DfE statutory guidance.

This means that parents have a duty to ensure that their child regularly attends school, and that schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.

2) Social Distancing

We will have a number of processes in place for safe movement around the Academy, and there will be 2m distance tapes in place around the Academy so that pupils can be reminded of the need for distancing wherever possible. Desks will be side by side and forward facing so as to avoid students breathing over one another. There will be as much ventilation as possible.

3) Amended start and end times dependent on year group

Each class within the year group bubble will have a different start and finish time to reduce the amount of adults coming to school. It is important pupils are dropped off in their allotted time slot so as not to make contact with pupils outside of their bubble.

Parents/carers will not be allowed onto the school grounds in the morning so children will need to be dropped off promptly at the gate and at pick up time 1 adult per child will be allowed to an allocated spot to ensure children can be safely handed over.

When you are at the gates you are on a public path so please remember social distancing and wear a face covering if the space is limited. This is for everyone's protection.

Year group/class	Arrival time	End time	Enter via
Reception RL RCJ RP	8.30am 8.40am 8.50am	2.40pm 2.50pm 3.00pm	Nursery Gate
Year 1 1B 1M 1S	9.00am 9.10am 9.20am	3.10pm 3.20pm 3.30pm	Potential Gate (into the Y1/2 playground)
Year 2 2B 2W 2S	8.30am 8.40am 8.50am	2.40pm 2.50pm 3.00pm	Potential Gate (into the Y1/2 playground)

Year 3 3BW 3C 3W	9.00am 9.10am 9.20am	3.10pm 3.20pm 3.30pm	Togetherness Gate (into Y5/6 playground)
Year 4 4H 4B 4BH	8.30am 8.40am 8.50am	2.40pm 2.50pm 3.00pm	Togetherness Gate (into Y5/6 playground)

Year 5 5P 5M 5K	9.00am 9.10am 9.20am	3.10pm 3.20pm 3.30pm	Staff Car Park
Year 6 6M 6D 6T	8.30am 8.40am 8.50am	2.40pm 2.50pm 3.00pm	Staff Car Park

4) Hygiene and cleaning

We will ensure that everyone understands that good hygiene is everyone's responsibility and that everyone is responsible for everyone else's health.

We will maintain intensified cleaning routines with a focus on regularly wiping down door handles and hard surfaces. As per normal, the Academy will be cleaned every day and there will be disinfectant sprays and paper for cleaning purposes in each classroom.

5) Face Coverings and Visors

Pupils are not permitted to wear masks inside classrooms, as the latest advice from government is that working in bubbles and increased hygiene regimes within school is sufficient. However, as explained overleaf, staff will be required to wear visors when teaching. They will be required to also wear a face mask when social distancing is not possible i.e. when they are supporting an individual student.

6) Water bottles

Pupils are required to bring in their own water bottle for their individual use. These must be labelled and can be re-filled during the day.

7) Reduced access to visitors and parents

To help us reduce the risk of infection, we are asking parents to communicate with us via the telephone, school email, class dojo or tapestry.

If for any reason it is required for you to come into the Academy, you will be required to wear a disposable face covering provided by us.

8) Food and packed lunches

Pupils may bring in packed lunches, but they must remain within their bags throughout the day, and any rubbish should be taken home each day.

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9) Uniform

All pupils will now be required to return to full uniform. The latest Government advice is that uniforms do not need to be cleaned differently or any more often than usual because of coronavirus.

10) Swimming

We have decided that swimming lessons should be removed from the timetable and reconsidered at towards the end of the term.

11) Suspected symptoms, a confirmed case, and multiple confirmed cases

We will be following the Government's direct guidance on what to do if a pupil or staff member has suspected coronavirus symptoms or is confirmed to have the virus. We will publish this on our website.

It is really important that you help nurseries and schools to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

[Arrange a test](#) if anyone in the house has symptoms and inform us of the results.

If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.