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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent letter to you about the government's guidelines for all children to return to school in September, we are writing today to update you on our plans.

What do I need to know for September?

Each year group will have a specific entrance and exit – **Nursery and Reception via the nursery gate**, Years 1 and 2 via the back gate, Years 3 and 4 via the gate into the Y6 playground and Years 5 and 6 via the car park.

Amended start and end times dependent on year group/class

Each year group bubble will have a different start (between 8.30 and 9.20) and finish time (between 2.40 and 3.30). It is important pupils are dropped off in their allotted time slot so as not to make contact with pupils outside of their bubble.

Your child is starting on **Monday 14th September in our afternoon session**. They will then stay for lunch in the second week and stay fulltime in the third week. Oasis Temple Academy operates a gradual admission policy. We strive to work in cooperation with parents and carers in order to achieve what is best for each individual child. This gradual admission timetable is flexible and can be extended for any child who is less confident. Please take the time to speak to your child's key person each day so that we can discuss how your child has settled in together.

Monday 14th September:

Year group	Arrival time	End time	Enter and exit via
Nursery			
NA Mrs Aguilera	12.30pm	2.20pm	Nursery gate
NJ Miss Johnston	12.40pm	2.30pm	Nursery gate

Monday 21st September

Year group	Arrival time	End time	Enter and exit via
Nursery			
NA Mrs Aguilera	11.00am	2.20pm	Nursery gate
NJ Miss Johnston	11.10am	2.30pm	Nursery gate

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Monday 28th September

Year group	Arrival time	End time	Enter and exit via
Nursery			
NA Mrs Aguilera	9.10am	3.10pm	Nursery gate
NJ Miss Johnston	9.20am	3.20pm	Nursery gate

More details about our arrangements

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.

Please ensure that if you are travelling over the summer you leave enough time for 14 days quarantine before the start of school to avoid any unauthorised absences/fines.

Social Distancing

In addition to the information in my letter, we will have a number of one-way systems in place, 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. There will also be notices reminding students about the need for good respiratory hygiene (catch it/bin it /kill it) and we will ensure ventilation wherever possible.

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.

Water bottles and other equipment

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.

Pupils should not bring in any unnecessary equipment into school. We will be giving pupils their own pens and pencils to use while they are at school and these will be dedicated for their personal use.

No access/no visitors

To help us reduce the risk of infection, we will not be able to receive visitors or parents until further notice. During the day, we ask that parents communicate with us only via the telephone or email.

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Parents will not be allowed on the playground in the mornings and only to allocated spots at pick up times.

Food and packed lunches

For the first 2 weeks, if your child has school dinners there will be no hot food but a packed lunch will be provided. There is a plan to move towards hot food after the first two weeks.

Pupils may bring in packed lunches, but they must be in disposable bags/containers and be kept within their bags throughout the day.

Payments

We are unable to take any cash payments in the office now so all dinner money payments must be made through parent pay. The Family Support Workers will help with setting up the accounts for anyone that needs support in September.

Clubs

When we return in September **there will be no** breakfast club or any after school clubs. We will update you regarding this after the first few weeks.

Uniform

All pupils will return to full uniform.

Suspected symptoms, a confirmed case, and multiple confirmed cases

We will be following the government's direct guidance on what to do if there a student or staff member has suspected coronavirus symptoms or is confirmed to have the virus.

It is absolutely vital that no parent, child or staff member comes to the Academy if either themselves or anyone in their household is displaying any symptoms.

Having considered the information in this letter, please let us know if you have any further questions by emailing admin@oasistemple.org.

Thank you as ever for your patience and understanding during this time, and the support you are providing to your child. We cannot wait to welcome them back in September so that they safely and happily can get back to their studies.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Crew