

11th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas holidays and the return to the Academy

I hope you and your family are well and will be able to enjoy some time off together during the Christmas holiday. I am writing to you regarding arrangements over the break.

Final day of term – Thursday 17th December

The Department for Education has announced that schools are permitted to close on Friday, 18th December for an INSET day. They want to maximise the time between the end of term and Christmas Day so if children were to develop symptoms before the 25th, they can isolate prior to mixing with family members from outside their household.

Following consultation with Local Authorities and the DfE, Oasis Community Learning has decided to close all Oasis academies on Friday 18th December. We do understand this will inconvenience some parents and carers, while others have requested this. The key factor in this decision is what is best for the wellbeing of all our academy community.

Therefore, our last day of term will now be **Thursday 17th December** finishing at **12:30**.

You can read the latest guidance about Christmas gatherings by searching “gov.uk Christmas bubble” or by accessing this webpage:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family

Reporting COVID-19 over the Christmas holidays

COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Before or on 23rd December

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between now and the 23rd December, please inform the Academy as soon as possible by contacting Jo.gass@oasisshirleypark.org, so we can inform close contacts.



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24th December – 5th January 2021

If your child has a positive test for COVID-19 during the Christmas holiday you must inform Public Health England. This will be done automatically if your child receives a test from a testing centre, and you can also do this by using the NHS App.

We also require you to let us know by emailing Jo.gass@oasisshirleypark.org or by calling 020 8656 0222 ext. 78332 leaving a message, noting your child's name, year group and form class, the date when any symptoms began and date result received.

Starting the new term

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed they have COVID-19, it is **very important** they **do not return** to the Academy until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us **before** bringing your child to the Academy, and we can advise you.

If your child is well and is not required to isolate at home, they are to return to the Academy on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

In the new year, we will continue with all our precautions (class bubbles, social distancing, face coverings and visors, additional handwashing, staggered start and finish times etc) to enable us to open safely. We can only do this however if every family follows this advice and is extra vigilant of their child's health. Please only bring your child to the Academy if they are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

Sincere thanks from us both, together with the whole staffing team for your support over this term. As expected, it has been challenging however the childrens' determination to learn has been excellent.

Yours sincerely



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