

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Returning to school in January

Despite the disruption during this Christmas break, I hope you had a chance to rest and relax. I am writing to you today with a further update, as yesterday afternoon we were told by the Department for Education (DfE) that there will be a change in arrangements for the return to school over the next few weeks. We apologise for the late notification of these changes; we are sharing this with you as quickly as we can.

In summary - as before,

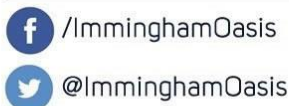
- We have an INSET day in place for all students on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Students whose parents are key workers or who are determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable' are to attend school as originally planned from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please check the attached information provided for further guidance on this.

However, there is now a change for the following students,

- Students in an examination year (Year 11) whose parents are not key workers and are not determined by the DfE as 'vulnerable', will access their normal lessons **remotely** from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Year 11 are required to return to school in person on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- All other students (Year 7 – 10) will now have their normal lessons from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January delivered remotely. They are required to return to school in person on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

The DfE has explained that the purpose of this change is for two reasons:

1. To create a bigger gap of time between young people mixing at Christmas and returning to school, reducing the risk of those who have Covid-19 but no symptoms of sharing the infection



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2. To allow schools more time to set up Covid-19 testing for students. The reason for more testing is that it will mean that it will be possible to identify those with the virus but without symptoms so that they can self-isolate, minimising the spread of the virus and the disruption caused.

### **Covid-19 testing within school**

We are currently developing our plans for delivering Covid-19 testing for both students and staff. We will be in touch with you again next week when we know more about our local arrangements, and how we will gather your permission and consent for your child to be tested ahead of them returning to school. We will also explain arrangements for those who do not consent to the testing.

It is of the upmost importance that we plan, implement and then assess how best we can deliver Covid-19 testing within school. To do this we will take the next fortnight to ensure everything is in place, and that we have received your consent. Please note therefore, that we will not be testing any young people before Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

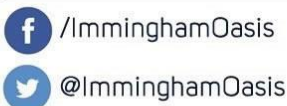
### **What do I do now?**

If you are a key worker or your young person meets the DfE criteria listed in the guidance provided with this letter, and they are well and do not have any Covid-19 symptoms (or are in a self-isolate period due to a confirmed case of Covid-19), please ensure that they attend school from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

If your young person is not eligible to come to school next week, please check the following sections on Free School Meals and Access to Remote Learning.

### **Free School Meals**

If your young person receives free school meals, but they are not eligible to come to school next week (only children of key workers or those deemed 'vulnerable' are eligible), then they will be able to collect a hamper from next Tuesday from the Academy Oasis Immingham. We will be in touch about arrangements.



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## Access to Remote Learning

If your young person is being asked to access remote learning please see the guidance on remote learning below.

If your young person has any difficulty in accessing remote learning, please be in touch with us directly.

Your child will need to access their emails for invitations to their lessons the lessons the schedule for week 2 is below. Year 11 will have their usual timetabled lessons albeit remotely. Other years are schedule as below for the first week.

		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
05/01/2021	Tues 1	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor	Tutor
	Tues 2	Science	Maths	MFL	English
	Tues 3	Maths	English	History	PE
	Tues 4	English	Science	Maths	Science
	Tues 5	Geography	History	English	Maths

06/01/2021	Weds 1	Maths	Science	PE	Art/Music/Drama
	TUTOR				
	Weds 2	Science	Maths	Science	PE
	Weds 3	PE	PE	English	Humanities
	Weds 4	MFL	English	Maths	Maths
	Weds 5	English	RE	PHSE	English

07/01/2021	Thurs 1	RS	PHSE	Geography	Humanities
	TUTOR				
	Thurs 2	Science	Maths	English	English
	Thurs 3	PHSE	PE	MFL	Options
	Thurs 4	English	Science	Maths	Maths
	Thurs 5	History	History	Science	Science

08/01/2021	Fri 1	Geography	Geography	History	Art/Music/Drama
	TUTOR				
	Fri 2	History	Art/Music/Drama	ICT TMU	Maths
	Fri 3	MFL	Science	PE	Humanities
	Fri 4	ICT	MFL	Science	Science
	Fri 5	Art/Music/Drama	Maths	MFL	English

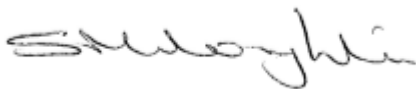
## Virtual Lesson Timings

Period 1	8.30-9.20
TUTOR	9.30-9.50
Period 2	10.00-11.10 (including usual break time)
Period 3	11.15-12.10
Period 4	11.15-13.40 (including usual lunch time)
Period 5	13.45 -14.40

We look forward to seeing all eligible students at the Academy from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.25 and all other students online at 8.30.

We understand that this is a lot of information take on board, we will be in touch again next week with further information on Covid-19 testing and your consent, and we will also be publishing updates on our website in due course. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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