



Friday, 18 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Online Learning

I am writing to you today as we continue our plans in the event of any possible school/year group/bubble closure with the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

As humans, we survive through habits. Hard work and good study habits are qualities that should be nurtured, and over time will become stronger and more automatic. Independent study is a habit that we encourage from Year 7. The formation of strong independent study skills motivates students to take ownership of their learning, and is particularly important during exam periods in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. These habits are built on and strengthened, enabling young people to be prepared for further studies and adult lives.

We are very fortunate to have access to Microsoft Office 365 apps to reinforce and enhance student learning. This is the platform from which all homework assignments are set for all subjects. Additionally, in our current climate, they now form part of our contingency plan in case of any localised lockdown. It is therefore even more important that all of our students utilise the tools we provide them with to be successful. We will be continuing quality first teaching through live lessons on MS (Microsoft) Teams as much as possible should the need for any closure occur.

All students at the Academy will have had additional training on using MS Teams by the end of next week. We urge you please to encourage them to check it daily to ensure they are up to date with all homework assignments and become experts in its use.

Outlook 365

Your child can log in to their school email account at <https://login.microsoftonline.com/>.

Unless your child has been informed differently, their email address follows the format of *firstname.lastname@oasisisleofsheppey.org*.

Their password will be the one they use to logon to the school computers. If there are any issues with logging in, please contact our service desk on 0207 921 4330.

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MS Teams

In order to access homework assignments (and in the case of a lockdown, live lessons), students will need to 'login' to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software> .

Their login details will be the same as their email address and password. From here, they will have access to a 'team' for each of their classes and will receive notifications when work is set and marked.

Support videos can be found on our Academy website: <https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/curriculum/online-learning/microsoft-teams-lesson-support> . We also have a dedicated MS Teams email address should you require further support: MSTeamslessonsupport@oasisisleofsheppey.org

We thank you for your ongoing support to ensure the best experience and outcomes for all of our young people.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tina Lee'.

Tina Lee
Principal

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