

4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

Following our communication with you last week, I write to clarify the arrangements for children returning to school next week, and outline what to expect on the first day of their return. We hope that this will help to ease any anxieties and remind children of our expectations for a successful return.

### **Day one**

- Students should arrive at school no later than 8.25am so they are able to walk up the hill and get to their base for 8.30am.
- As students arrive they will be given a new cloth face mask. This should be worn whilst on site if social distancing is not possible. This includes during lessons.
- Please remember to bring a water bottle with you and fill these up during breaks and lunch. Wearing your masks more may mean you get thirsty and this will affect your concentration. As a reminder on this please remember no energy drinks or fizzy drinks should be brought into school, or glass bottles.
- Year 11 and 9 will enter through the larger car gate on the left and walk around the field, past the sports hall and to the yellow (Harty) block.
- Year 7, 8 and 10 will walk through the pedestrian gate and follow their coloured spots to the red block (Abbey for year 7) or the green block (Shurland for year 8 and 10). Year 12, 13 and Bridge students will all enter the Sheerness site through the pedestrian gate.
- When they arrive at their blocks they will be greeted by the year team and be able to check which room they are in for tutor time from a list on the main doors.
- During tutor time children will receive their timetables and have an assembly. There will also be some stress relief and emotional regulation strategies available to students to help ease their return to school.
- Throughout the day, including break and lunch time, children will remain bubbled within their year groups.
- Hand-washing routines have been scheduled in at the start of the day, break time, lunchtime and at the end of the day. Hand sanitisers will be available in every room.
- After tutor time, students will follow their timetable for the rest of the day.
- On the first day your child will be asked to do a Covid lateral flow test if we have received your consent, and then twice more within the first weeks back.
- The school mental health team will be available to speak to students and check on those we know may be a little anxious.
- There will be a staggered end to the day to limit large numbers of children exiting the gate at once. Students will now be wearing face masks when exiting school site.

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- A reminder of the first day back, entry point, line up point, if applicable, and end times are below.

First Day arrangements				
Year group	First day back	Arrival time between	End time	Enter via
Year 11, Year 13 and Bridge students	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 – 8:25	3:00pm	Year 11 enter via left car gate. Follow pathway to Harty area. Year 13 to Sheerness Sixth Form building. Bridge students to Sheerness Bridge.
Year 10 and Year 12	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 – 8:25	Year 10: 2:55pm Year 12: 3:00pm	Year 10 enter via pedestrian gate. Line-up in fenced off section of top car park. Year 12 to Sheerness Sixth Form.
Year 9	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 – 8:25	2:55pm	Enter via left car gate. Line-up in Harty Courtyard
Year 7	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 – 8:25	3:00 pm	Enter via pedestrian gate. Line-up in Abbey Courtyard.
Year 8	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	8:00 – 8:25	3:00 pm	Enter via pedestrian gate. Line-up in Shurland courtyard.

### **Uniform**

We understand that children may have grown out of their uniform during a lengthy lockdown period and financial situations may have changed for a large number of our families. As a result, because our expectation is full uniform, we have introduced a 'Uniform Bank' which you can access if uniform costs are too high for you currently. If your child will not be in full uniform on day one please email the year team and let them know what date you are expecting items to be delivered or purchased and we can issue your child a uniform card so they can show staff who ask. If we know this prior to their return we will have these ready.

As with the previous return if a child has a practical PE lesson they are welcome to wear their 'Academy PE Kit' for that day. The uniform shop in school will be open every day from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March for uniform purchases. Please call the academy on 01795 873591 or via email to [office@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:office@oasisisleofsheppey.org) to arrange a time to come in for purchases. Please note that we are only able to take payment via debit or credit cards only.

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### **Attendance**

The instruction from the Government is that school attendance is now mandatory for all pupils from their start date next week. It is the parent's duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school. If you are unable to send your child to school because you are shielding, please contact your child's year leader.

We are really looking forward to seeing all children next week and returning to a school fully opened and serving all children. If you have any questions please direct them to your year teams or via [office@oasisisleofsheppey.org](mailto:office@oasisisleofsheppey.org).

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Fogg".

Mr A Fogg  
Associate Principal

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