



Tuesday 10th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers of Year 12 students

I am writing to inform you that from Wednesday 11th November Year 12 students will be working remotely at home for 7 school days. This is due to the NHS Track and Trace system which has directed an increasing number of staff to self-isolate. This has unfortunately created a shortage of teachers at the academy.

Your child's learning will not be affected as staff will be delivering lessons remotely using MS Teams. All students who require a device for remote working have been provided with one.

Your child will follow their normal timetable; this is available for you to see via MCAS. Students should open their calendar on MS Teams (logging in with their school email and password) and join the appropriate live lesson. All students have received instructions on how to access this remotely. There is information on the school website if they require further support: <https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/curriculum/online-learning>

Students that do not log-in to complete the live lessons will be marked as absent, and our Sixth Form Leadership Team will contact you as the parent as per our usual absence procedures.

All families who are entitled to Free School Meals will have this provision in the form of a food parcel which will be delivered to your home address. We aim to be able to deliver this by the end of this week, however please be patient with us as there are a large number of deliveries to be made.

We understand that this time may be challenging for some students so please encourage them to access the school website for Exercise and Wellbeing support as well as help with MS Teams <https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/curriculum/online-learning>.

Please note that we are only asking your child to learn from home because we do not currently have enough teaching staff to fulfil a full timetable. They are not being asked to self-isolate. Teachers absent from the Academy are due to receiving instruction from the NHS Track and Trace to self-isolate, and not due to testing positive for Covid-19, so please do not be alarmed.

I know asking Year 12 to learn from home may significantly inconvenience you; please rest assured that we are making this decision to minimise the risk to both staff and students in other year groups.

Year 12 students will continue learning from home until Thursday 19th November as Friday 20th November is a staff inset day. They will return to school on Monday 23rd November.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via your MCAS app, or email office@oasisisleofsheppey.org.

Warm regards,

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

Tina Lee
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