



Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers of Year 8 students

Re: Year 8 Learning From Home

I am writing to inform you that as from Monday 16th November Year 8 students will be learning from home for a period of 4 days. This is due to the NHS Track and Trace system which has directed a number of staff to self-isolate. This has created a shortage of teachers at the academy.

Your child will be provided with a workpack to take home which contains sufficient work for the duration of this period. Children that did not receive a workpack will have one posted home. The work contained in this workpack is relevant to your child's scheme of learning, and will need to be returned for marking at the end of this home learning period.

Your child should follow their school timetable for the structure to the day. You will also be able to find this on the MCAS app.

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 understand that this time may be challenging for some students so please encourage them to access the school website for exercise and wellbeing support <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. 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, so please do not be alarmed.

I know asking Year 8 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.

Year 8 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
Principal

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