



Monday 1st June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update on re-opening secondary schools

I hope you and your family have been well during these weeks of lockdown. Following my previous letter of 15th May, you may have seen an announcement from the Government regarding the phased return of Year 10 and Year 12 students from June 15th. I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey.

Government Guidance

The Government guidance is as follows:

“From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the year 10 and 12 cohort at any one time. Alongside this the government is asking secondary schools to:

- *continue providing full-time provision for eligible young people. This provision is for pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *continue providing full-time provision for children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- *provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality*
- *continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high-quality offer”*

You can read the longer guidance by searching for [Guidance for secondary school 15 June](#)

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey’s Year 10 and Year 12 students?

The safety of your child and your family, and of our staff, is our number one priority. The Government has provided a list of actions they would like the Academy to take to ensure that we can open for more young people safely.

Over the last few weeks Oasis’ primary academies have been preparing for re-opening this week, and we have been following similar risk assessments in anticipation of this Government announcement. We will be working hard over the next two weeks to make the necessary arrangements – as you can imagine there are lots of things to consider.

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Once we have thought through the arrangements to meet the government's requirements we intend to open the Academy safely for our Year 10 and Year 12 students, on a rota basis, and I will be in touch with you again - and by no later than Monday 8th June - to confirm arrangements for your child. At that point, we will also be providing you with the opportunity to ask any questions and to raise any concerns with us.

I know that you will have many questions about returning to school, about how things will work in school in this 'new normal' environment. We understand that you and your child will need to feel confident about the arrangements,

What do I do now?

Once you have received our letter confirming the arrangements, we would very much like to hear from you about whether you are willing for your child to return.

Other details

We remain open to provide childcare for the relevant families, including the children of key workers. The food voucher scheme also continues as normal for those eligible. Year 10 students will return to the Minster Campus and Year 12 to the Sheerness Campus.

Please rest assured that we are taking the re-opening of the Academy extremely seriously, and please be patient with us as we work on the necessary arrangements ahead of 15th June.

Thank you as always for your support and your patience as we work on the safe re-opening of the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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

Tina Lee
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