

5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Covid-19 – New National Restrictions from November 5<sup>th</sup> 2020**

We hope you are keeping well and coping with these rather usual times in which we find ourselves. Our first half term of the school year seemed to fly by and it was super to see our pupils settling back so quickly after a long period at home. As you will be aware, the country enters another lockdown from today until at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and so we wanted to write to reassure you about the provision of education during this time.

Oasis Academy Byron will remain open as pupils are permitted to travel for education and teachers and support staff are allowed to travel to work.

We will continue to operate under our current risk assessments we have had in place since September and continue to update and adjust these regularly in response to government guidance and local data. Our aim is to continue providing our full curriculum in order to give your child the best education possible, with as many opportunities to broaden their experience as we can safely do at this time.

In order to keep our setting open, we all need to continue working together to maintain a safe learning environment. Below is a summary of the changes and expectations that will be in place for our school from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

#### November

- All parents/carers are asked to continue wearing face coverings when entering the school grounds and to keep a distance of two metres from others.
- All staff will continue to wear visors and or face masks on site and will maintain a two metre distance from others when possible.
- All parents/carers are requested to leave the site as soon as possible after drop off and collection.
- All clubs (apart from Breakfast and After School Club) and non- essential visitors will be cancelled from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> until 2<sup>nd</sup> December, at the earliest.
- **There is a need for consistent ventilation in the classrooms due to the spread of aerosols. Therefore, children are encouraged to wear additional layers, such as vests/t- shirts under their uniform, and will be allowed to wear fleeces in class (including non- uniform).**

#### Hands Face Space

We will continue to stress the importance of this message within school and appreciate your support in reiterating this at home.

**HANDS** – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds

**FACE** – wear a face covering (13 years+) when on our site

**SPACE** – stay two metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing a face covering)

Since March we have had restricted visitors to Byron. We politely ask that parents/carers do not visit reception unless it is an extreme emergency but to call 0208 668 4877 or email the school instead. We hate the idea of not being able to welcome parents into our school but hope you can understand the reason for this request.

### What to do if your child or a family member at home develops symptoms of Covid-19

If your child or any member of your household develops symptoms, the whole household should immediately self-isolate. Please inform the school of this information via our school Office.

The most important symptoms of Covid-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new, continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Anyone with symptoms should book a test, which can be accessed via

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> , calling 119 or by using the NHS Covid-19 contact tracing app.

If the test result is positive, that person must stay at home for 10 days. All other household members who remain well must not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'support bubble'. The 14 day period begins from the day when the first person in the household became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should only be taken within the home.

It is vital that you contact the school with any positive test results so that a rapid assessment can be made and those needing to isolate can be informed.

### Self- Isolating Home Learning

Pupils who are self-isolating will be sent an email with lessons following the Oak National Academy scheme of work. Those pupils who are ill will not be expected to complete learning activities until they feel better.

Over the coming weeks, we do hope that we can continue to provide our pupils with as much 'normality' as possible at this very difficult time. As always, should you have any questions, please do email [byron@oasisbyron.org](mailto:byron@oasisbyron.org). Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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