

July 16th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19 arrangements from July 19th until the end of term

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year. Our young people have shown great maturity in following the Covid-19 precautions we have had in place and adapted well to the changes.

As we are so close to the end of term, we will be keeping all existing arrangements in place until the summer holiday. This includes the staggered start and finish time, bubbles in school and the requirement for visitors to wear masks.

Over the break we will be making changes as per the new guidance.

Covid-19 precautions over the summer and next term

As you may know, the Government has published new guidance for schools around Covid-19 precautions to come into effect shortly. You [can read the guidance here](#) or by searching 'Schools COVID-19 operational guidance Step 4.'

In September, what precautions will be the same?

Hand Hygiene

Pupils and staff will continue to wash their hands thoroughly and often and use hand sanitiser.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it'

We will continue to follow good hygiene around sneezing, using and then disposing tissues safely.

Cleaning

We will continue to have a thorough cleaning schedule with regular cleaning equipment and a focus on frequently touched areas.

Ventilation

We will continue to ensure that the school is well ventilated.

COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests

Pupils and staff must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid, have had a positive test, or are required to quarantine. If a pupil shows symptoms at school, parents will need to collect them and request a test.

The household (including any symptoms) should follow the [Public Health England stay at home guidance](#) for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection.



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Risk assessments

Senior leaders at school will continue to meet regularly to assess the risk at school. If necessary and in consultation with Public Health England, we will make changes to our arrangements to increase the precautions we have in place.

Asymptomatic testing

There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period, or in September. Those staff who consent will continue to take two LFD tests each week at home in the new term until the end of September, when the government will review this.

In September, what precautions are changing?

Start and finish times

From September the drop off and collection times will return to normal.

Reception and Key Stage 1 children must be dropped off and collected from the back door of the classroom. This can be accessed by walking down the steps in the playground and round the back of the Key Stage 2 building. There will not be a route through the school.

Years 3 and 4 children will need to follow the same route round the back of the Key Stage 2 building and come up the external stairs next to the Year 2 classroom. Again there will not be a route through the school.

Year 5 will enter via the door from the bottom playground. Year 6 will enter through the double doors from the top playground.

The children will be shown their drop off points before the end of term.

Year group	Arrival time between	End time	Drop off and collection point
Reception	Doors open 8.45 Children in 9am	3.15pm	Classroom back door
Year 1	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.15pm	Classroom back door
Year 2	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.15pm	Classroom back door
Year 3	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.20pm	Top playground
Year 4	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.20pm	Top playground
Year 5	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.20pm	Top playground
Year 6	Doors open 8.45 Children in by 8.55am	3.20pm	Top playground



Bubbles

The government's new advice explains that they are no longer recommending that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups (or bubbles). This means that assemblies will be able to resume, lunch service can return to something like normal, and that the pupils will be able to use all the subject-specific classrooms.

We will spend some time over the summer considering what will work best around pupils moving around the academy. It is a requirement of the new guidance that we can quickly move back to bubbles should positive cases rise within the academy or in our local community.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

After the 19th July schools will not be responsible for contact tracing. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will contact the family of the pupil with a confirmed case to identify who they have been in close contact with.

In addition, from September children under the age of 18 will not be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a confirmed case. Instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR Test.

Free school meals

Free school meals will be provided for two weeks by the Local Authority. These will be in the form of vouchers as previously which will be emailed out to all eligible families.

As ever this is a lot of information, but we wanted to provide you with a full update. We are of course pleased that some of the COVID-19 precautions are reducing, however we will only open safely if everyone continues to take the pandemic seriously.

Children must only come to school if they are well, and everyone is responsible for following all precautions that remain in place. As is clear in the guidance, we as a school will be prepared to reintroduce further COVID-19 precautions should it be necessary and we are advised to by Public Health England.

Questions and feedback

If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this information, please contact us at the academy by phone on 02086684877 or by email byron@oasisbyron.org.

I wanted you to have the full information on the preparations that will continue to be in place in order to keep the Academy safe and welcoming for everyone.

If you do not have any further questions, the staff look forward to seeing your child on their first day back at school on Monday 6th September.

Thank you for your continued support as we make these arrangements.

Yours sincerely,



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