

Dear Parents/Carers,

Plans for September

As ever, I send my best wishes to you and your family during the ongoing disruption caused by the coronavirus. I am writing to you today to update you on our next steps as an Academy as we prepare for September.

Government Guidance

As you may know, last week the Government published its expectations for return to school in September. You can read the [full guidance here](#)/by searching 'DfE guidance September.' In their guidance, the Government makes it clear that all pupils, in all year groups, are expected to return to school full-time from the beginning of the autumn term.

To ensure that our pupils and staff can return safely, there are a significant number of actions that we have been asked to take to:

- Minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus (based on advice from Public Health England)
- Be able to continue teaching and learning in the case of a local outbreak
- Alter how we run the Academy day-to-day to meet the new safety requirements
- Amend our curriculum, behaviour and pastoral support offer in the context of all the new arrangements
- Ensure assessments and accountability are fit for purpose.

What does this mean for Oasis Academy Blakenhale?

The safety of your child, your family and of our staff, remains paramount and will always be our first priority. Over the past week we have been thinking carefully about the issues listed above, along with many others, in order to ensure that we are as safe as we can when we reopen to all students in September, that the children are happy and that we can support everyone to get off to a great start in September.

As soon as we have developed these plans further, I will write to you again about what we are proposing for your child's year group. We would appreciate your continued patience with us as we work on the new arrangements. We will of course be very happy to receive your feedback and respond to any questions.

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We know that returning to school after such a long time for many of our pupils means that there may be some anxiety; we will be making every effort to ensure our plans are clear and accessible in order to give you and your child maximum peace of mind.

Please be aware that the 1st and 2nd September will be staff INSET and no pupils will be in school on those two days.

As has been the case over these last few months, thank you for your support of the team and the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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