

08 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: INFORMATION ONLY: PLANS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF OASIS ACADEMY SILVERTOWN FOR YR10 STUDENTS FROM 15 JUNE 2020**

Further to my letter to you last week, I am pleased to be writing to you today with further details on the preparations we are making for the gradual return of our Year 10 students from next week. **You have already indicated to us that your child will not be attending. I write to you so you have the detailed information about the education and safety arrangements. This means that if you do wish your child to attend at any point, for example if your circumstances change, you are aware of what we are providing. I would like to reassure you that even if you have chosen not to send your child into the academy, we will ensure that the quality of their remote learning lessons and TEAMS tutorials continues to be high. We will also ensure we contact your child regularly to support them with their learning.**

If you would like your child to attend the Year 10 provision academy at any point, please email us at [office@oasisilvertown.org](mailto:office@oasisilvertown.org), or contact us on **02070592500**. **We will then allocate them a day to attend.**

**Please note the remainder of this letter for information:**

The Government and medical advisors consider the situation with the coronavirus to be improving and would like Year 10 students to return for some face-to-face support. This is in addition to our students who are able to attend now (those whose parents are key workers or are otherwise eligible for additional support).

As I shared in my previous message, the Government's 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 and for children of critical workers. This provision is for pupils in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)*
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 & year 12 pupils, with an 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"*

**Our commitment to safety**

Our number one priority is the safety of students, our families and our staff. We have worked hard to ensure that we meet the Government guidelines for reopening and in some places we are pleased to say that we exceed those guidelines. Since the lock down began, we have remained open to provide childcare for the children of key workers and other eligible students and in doing so we have demonstrated therefore that with care and sensible planning and strong teamwork, your child is safe in our care.

We are only able to re-open the academy for those Year 10 students not currently attending if the Government and the medical experts continue to confirm that it is safe to do so. Should the Public Health Authority indicate otherwise (for example with any change in the R factor) we will take immediate action to close the academy.



The details below set out the arrangements we have put in place to ensure as high a degree of safety as possible.

### **What are the arrangements for Year 10 students?**

As you will see from the above guidance, we are also only allowed to open to Year 10 on a rota basis at this stage, with a maximum of a quarter of the year group in at any one time.

This means that most Year 10 students will attend the academy for one day a week. The days allocated have been carefully chosen considering teaching arrangements and the needs of every student.

Students will be taught English, Maths and Science to ensure they master all the topics they have been learning at home as well as having some study support for their other subjects the Academy Leadership Team. We will also provide some "circle time" activities for our students to support this transition.

### **Questions and feedback**

I know that parents will have many questions about returning to school and about how things will work in this 'new normal' environment. We understand that parents will need to feel confident about the arrangements. To help address some of these questions I have provided a frequently asked questions document with this letter. If you have further questions or concerns you would like addressed, please contact us at insert contact details.

We will also be providing a short video showing the arrangements we have made in the Academy later this week on the website and on our normal social media channels.

We will keep all aspects of our school preparations under review and will always seek to take on board your feedback.

### **What do I need to do now?**

There is a lot of information here, but I wanted you to have the full detail of what we are doing to make the Academy safe and welcoming for our students. While it will be a little different to normal, we will of course take the time to ensure all of our young people understand the changes when we welcome them back.

Please also read Appendix 1 - Details of our Arrangements and Appendix 2-Frequently Asked Questions which follow on from this letter.

Thank you as ever for your patience and understanding during this time, and the support you are showing the team who are working exceptionally hard to do all they can for the students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Johanna Thompson", is located below the text "Yours sincerely".

Johanna Thompson  
**Principal**