



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family have been well during these weeks of lockdown. Following all the news from Government in the media recently about the easing of the lockdown and the return to school for some students, I am writing to update you on the plans we are putting in place here at Oasis Academy Arena.

The Government have made clear that they do not expect Secondary Schools to reopen at this stage but would like pupils in Years 10 to receive some face to face support before the summer holidays. This is of course subject to ongoing monitoring of the relevant health data and any opening could be further delayed. We are expecting further guidance from the Department for Education shortly and once this is received we will make detailed plans for this face to face support. Our provision for the children of key workers and other eligible children will continue throughout this period.

Please be assured that the safety of the children and your family and of our staff is our number one priority. We will take measures, following Government advice and beyond, to ensure that any opening for more children is done safely.

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 will need to feel confident about the arrangements,

What do I do now?

Please continue with your child's remote learning. 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.

- If your child is in Years 7, 8 or 9, there will be no change in June or probably for the remainder of the Summer Term. I will be writing to parents later in the week about how we will be adjusting the online learning and options later in the week.
- If your child is in Years 10, the majority of teaching for this term will remain remote.
- Please continue to support your child with their remote learning. It is vital that they engage with all the opportunities offered so that we keep any gaps in their learning to a minimum.

Please rest assured that we are taking the re-opening of the Academy extremely seriously and I am grateful for your patience as we work on the necessary arrangements.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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