

5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Partial Academy Closure

As many of you will know, the government has announced a new national lockdown to stop the spread of the coronavirus. We again apologise for the late notice of these changes; we are sharing this with you as quickly as we can.

You can read more information about the national lockdown on the [gov.uk website](https://www.gov.uk) or by searching 'gov.uk national lockdown'.

Children of key workers or 'vulnerable children - Reception to Year 6

As part of the new national lockdown, primary schools (from Reception onwards) and secondary schools are now only open for certain pupils.

From Wednesday 6th January, the Academy will be open only to children of critical workers, and those children determined as vulnerable by the government. Please follow this link for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a key worker or your child/ren meets the DfE criteria listed in the guidance provided with this letter, please ensure they attend school from tomorrow. Before they attend, please ensure they are well, they do not have Covid-19 symptoms, nor do they have to isolate due to a confirmed Covid-19 case.

We have endeavoured to contact all of you over the last 48 hours to check if any of your children need a place due to being a key worker or a vulnerable child. If you feel you still need a place, please contact the school office on 01275 894570 for more support.

We will have all the normal safety precautions in place, and we will be making changes to arrangements to ensure we maximise the space we have in classrooms to reduce the risk further.

All other pupils - Reception to Year 6

All other children are being asked to learn remotely until February half term. We are of course sorry that we are not allowed to open to everyone. The staff team will continue to work hard to ensure that all the children, either in the Academy or learning from home, will have access to high quality teaching and learning.

If your child receives free school meals, but they are not currently eligible to come to school, then we will be making arrangements for food provision. Currently food hampers will be made available and be available for collection at the academy from 12:00pm.

For the rest of this week your children's work will be hosted on our website, please follow the link below.

<https://www.oasisacademynewoak.org/curriculum/home-learning-portal>

From next week, there will be videos and PowerPoints relevant to your child's learning. This will also be on the home learning portal. Please take a photo of any completed work and upload to Dojo. The attached letter will show you how to access dojo and upload photos. Please be aware all staff are in supporting our key worker and vulnerable children so will monitor work as frequently as possible.

If your child has any difficulty in accessing remote learning, please be in touch with us directly.

Thank you for your continued support, and patience as we make new arrangements once again in response to the new national lockdown. It is our sincere hope that with the vaccines rolling out over the next couple of months we are moving closer to the moment when our whole school community can be together again safely.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Philip Allan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Philip Allan
Principal