



2nd December 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to advise on the best strategies to enable your child to be successful despite their second round of isolation. We are conscious that this second period away from the Academy may be a cause for concern for students so this letter should offer some support strategies to use with your child.

I am concerned for my child's mental wellbeing.

At Oasis Academy Brislington we are fortunate to have a Butterfly Counselling service on site and available for all students to access. We are considering launching group sessions with a fully qualified counsellor via Microsoft Teams, if this would be of interest please email James.Dorber@oasisbrislington.org.

If you feel your child requires a 1-to-1 session, then please state that in the email to Mr Dorber.

My child is missing the daily check in with their SPL / 360.

Each day your child will have a tutor session via the 'Brislington Prep' teams on Microsoft Teams at 9.05am.

They will also be asked to complete a daily wellbeing check so that we prioritise who needs academic support.

My child is concerned about the PPE / Mock Exams.

As an Academy we have purposefully delayed our first assessment of Year 11 students following the Academy closure in March 2020. Many schools set their mock exams in September 2020 to assess the learning students had completed at home, though we did not feel that was appropriate. It is imperative that students complete the mock exams in January – regardless of their time out of the Academy – so that teachers can identify what each child can / cannot do and can plan lessons to close any knowledge / skill gaps which exist.

We will be running the mock exams in January. However, when students collect their results, we will offer the opportunity to resit any exams they choose in March 2021. This opportunity to resit will allow students to identify where they think they could have done better and demonstrate an improved performance.

My child is worried whether the GCSE Exams will go ahead.

At the point of writing, exams are still planned to go ahead as normal.

We will update you with any changes released by the Department for Education.

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My child feels lost.

It is important that your child knows what they should be doing each day.

We need students to control what they can control. Please encourage your child to not focus on whether exams will go ahead or other unanswerable question. Please direct their focus and energy on the things they can control: their attitude, their approach, their mindset and not making excuses for not doing what you could and should be doing. In order to focus them onto what they should be doing, please use the following daily checklist:

Today, have you:		Yes / No
Essential Academic Tasks (Should Do!)	Attended the daily tutor session at 9.05am?	
	Attended your 5 lessons via Microsoft Teams?	
	Answered all questions and tasks on paper? (show me the paper)	
	Completed your homework tasks on Microsoft Teams?	
	Completed the Blended Learning lesson on Microsoft Teams?	
Additional Academic Tasks (Could do!)	Completed a Go One More Activity or intervention set by your teacher?	
	Completed a revision activity on Seneca Learning / Hegarty Maths or Quizlet?	
	Completed a previous exam paper for revision? (these can all be found via google, e.g. Search 'AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 1 Past Paper')	
Wellbeing Checklist	Washed, got dressed and made your bed?	
	Completed some form of exercise e.g. Yoga or a HIIT from YouTube?	
	Eaten a well-balanced, healthy diet?	
	Drank plenty of water to stay hydrated?	
	Spoken with friends / family and socialised?	

My child wants additional resources / support from the Academy.

If this is the case, please email the following members of staff:

Academic support – Richard.James@oasisbrislington.org

Wellbeing support – James.Dorber@oasisbrislington.org

If you have any questions regarding the content of this lessons, please do not hesitate to contact info@oasisbrislington.org.

Yours sincerely,



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