



5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

Normally I write to parents/carers during the first week of any new term. This term I did however decide to wait a week so that the information about the reopening of the academy to all students could be shared and the implications on families digested. The process that we have decided to follow has been driven by the need to ensure that we achieve a safe and manageable return to full capacity. As an academy we want to ensure that students learning, moving from live online lessons to face to face lessons is as smooth as possible.

Bike Sheds

If your child intends to ride their bike to the academy next week, please ask them to make sure they use the correct shed. We have assigned sheds to Year Groups and Key Worker/Vulnerable Students. This has been done so that we can monitor the Year Group sheds during the testing days and ensure that groups that are in school all day have a shed that remains locked. Remember the sheds are a secondary security precaution for your child's bike, primary security is provided by your child's bike lock (<https://www.londoncyclist.co.uk/how-to-lock-your-bike/>).

Uniform

As students return to the academy the expectation is that they will wear their full uniform, during testing and as they begin their face to face lessons. We understand that these are extraordinary times and that students will have grown over the past few weeks so certain items might be too small. Please let us know if this is the case so that we can work with you in the few weeks before Easter to understand what needs to be replaced and when that is able to happen. Students are still expected to wear their Academy PE kit into school on the days that this lesson is on their timetable.

We will be keeping windows open to increase the ventilation around the building. The weather is still relatively cool so we are going to continue to allow all students to wear their outdoor coats during breaks and lessons. Hoodies/sweatshirts are not to be worn as a replacement for the academy jumper which is expected to be a black V neck school jumper.

National Offer Day 2021

As you will no doubt be aware Monday saw the parents of Year 6 children receive their secondary school offer for September 2021. The increasing popularity of Oasis Brislington once again saw all our available places offered. In fact, we are oversubscribed for the second year which is a great vote of confidence by the community in the quality of education that we offer at Oasis Brislington. Please be assured we will not rest on our laurels and continue to develop and improve our offer to all students.

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It is now three years since Oasis Academy Brislington received its inaugural Ofsted Inspection; which means that we are well in the window to receive another inspection soon. The academy is looking forward to welcoming the inspection team to show the fantastic progress that students here have made since the last inspection and the quality of education that supports them to make this progress.

Finally, I would like to make parents aware that we know and understand the challenges that asking students to wear a mask all day will present. Our staff will be working hard to ensure that we provide a safe understanding environment for our students as they return to the academy following the latest period of lockdown. We are really excited about welcoming the students back and working towards a school where we provide all the opportunities we normally offer back on track.

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight
Principal