



1st April 2021

Dear Parents

I would like to thank you once again for all you have done to support the school and community throughout this term. We were disrupted again right from the start by the pandemic but due to your support and commitment you have ensured the majority of our students have progressed and in the case of Year 11 prepared for their assessments after the Easter break.

Covid-19 arrangements throughout the Easter break

As we approach the break I would like to remind parents of what to do if your child shows the symptoms of Covid-19. Firstly, thank you for your continued support of all we are doing to reduce the risk of Covid-19 for all students, families, and staff. COVID-19 exists in our wider community and therefore it is important to be especially aware of how your child is and whether they have symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they must take a PCR test and remain at home for at least 10 days from when their symptoms first appeared until they receive a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms can receive a test by going to <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

NHS Test and Trace has reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools and colleges. This means that all students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at school, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either [online](#) or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Students who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.

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Before or on 7th April

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 between finishing school and the 7th April 2021, please inform us as soon as possible by contacting info@oasissholing.org, so that we can inform close contacts.

After 7^h April and until we return to school

If your child has a positive case for COVID-19 identified by a PCR test after 7th April 2021, please inform us by contacting info@oasissholing.org. While we will not have to complete contact tracing, we will be able to discuss with you when your child can return to school safely (once they have completed their self-isolation).

Please be more aware than ever how you and your child are as you approach the end of the holiday. It is vital that if your child or someone in their household is displaying symptoms that they do not return to school, and that they undergo a PCR test.

Please ensure that your child completes a LFD test either the night before or morning of the first day returning back to school, in order to find and isolate any positive cases.

Attendance matters

From Monday 8th March 2021 the government guidance on attendance changed to state that all students of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies. This means that the usual rules on attendance will apply, including parents' legal duty to send their child to school and this new government guidance supersedes all previous guidance on attendance sanctions.

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend school, please could you use the online absence form or the attendance phone number to report your child's absence. We need a reason to explain your child's absence and an expected return to school date so that we can update your child's attendance record.

Where no reason for absence is provided, the ability to issue sanctions such as fines has been reinstated, and schools are responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and reporting children missing education, or missing from education, to the local authority.

Any students who are late to school and who arrive after 8.40am, will be issued with a same day 15 minute detention and parents will be informed of this by text.

Should your child be late to school following a medical appointment and you have not already contacted us in advance to let us know; please ask your child to present their medical appointment card/letter when they sign in at Reception so that they are not issued with a detention.

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Mental Health, Discrimination and Values

I was very pleased to be able to observe a virtual performance and striking mental health and discrimination message from “Eleni C” singer songwriter. Year 9 as a whole were involved and the feedback was so positive that they agreed it should be rolled out to other year groups. In the current circumstances it was great to provide a different experience for our students with such an important message.

On the theme of Year 9 I would also like to thank parents for their participation in the Year 9 parents evening. This again was well attended and enabled Year 9 parents to gain a good understanding of the subject offer for their GCSE courses starting in year 10.

School day timings from Monday 19th April 2021

We will be reverting back to our normal timings of the school day, and with effect from Monday 19th April students should arrive at the respective times and entrance:

Year group	Arrival time	End time	Enter via
Year 7	08:40	14:40	Heath Road entrance Creative Arts side
Year 8	08:40	14:40	Heath Road entrance Humanities side
Year 9	08:40	14:40	South East Road entrance
Year 10	08:40	14:40	Middle Road entrance left hand side
Year 11	08:40	14:40	Middle Road entrance right hand side

I have co-ordinated the timings with Mrs Houghton, Headteacher at Sholing Infants School, in order to avoid congestion. Could I also remind parents that students should not congregate on the pavements walking to and from school. I am aware that this is a difficult request, especially with the width of the surrounding paths, and the majority of our students are polite and respectful.

All that remains for me to say is that I hope you and your family have a chance to have a peaceful and happy time together over the holidays.

Kind regards,



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