

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: COVID-19 update

We hope that you all had a safe and well weekend and that where possible you were able to celebrate Mother's Day in some form.

Today is the first day of what will become our new 'normal' for the foreseeable future. This will take some getting used to for all of us, and we are sure that as the week progresses things will start to get a little easier as we all find routines that work for us. We have some further updates that we would like to share with you in readiness for the week ahead.

Online Learning Platforms

Nationally there have been unprecedented numbers of students trying to access online learning platforms, such as Show My Homework, Heggarty Maths, Seneca Learning etc. We apologise for the problems this may be causing to home study, however the platform providers have given assurances that they are working on these issues and hope to have them resolved shortly.

As these problems are beyond our control, at the moment we can only suggest that students use the work packs provided if they are unable to access the online resources; but please do keep rechecking these sites regularly to see when they are fully back up and running.

A number of you have reported that there isn't work showing on SMHW even if you can get on. We have checked and the work has been set but we think this may be linked to the issues the site is experiencing. This is only day one and teething problems were always going to be inevitable, we thank you for your patience in bearing with us as we navigate these issues.

Communications

All normal communications for the time being will be suspended. Instead, you can expect to receive a weekly update from the Principal's every Monday and a message from your child's Family Leader every Wednesday. Anything urgent that cannot wait until these weekly updates will be sent to you sooner, however will not continue to write daily as we have been to hopefully give all of your inboxes a rest!

Website Information

Our website page giving information and useful links during this closure was launched last week. We hope that those of you who have visited the page have found it useful. We will continue to update and add to this as the week's go by with any new information or links that may be relevant.

<https://www.oasisacademycoulsdon.org/academy-life/academy-closure-covid-19>



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Childcare provision

A letter has been sent home to parent's of those children who are in the Academy this week detailing the requirements and expectations of them and their child whilst in the building during this period.

Our main responsibility to each other at present is that we adhere to the Government guidelines and socially distance ourselves. We are therefore asking that all parents/carers carefully consider all alternatives (excluding using elderly relatives) before sending their child to the Academy. Any parent who is classed as a 'key worker' and wishes to send their child in to the Academy as of Wednesday of this week will have to provide us with the following details:

- The KEY WORKER sector you work in
- Name of your employer
- Your line manager's name and contact details

This information should be sent to admin@oasiscoulsdon.org email address, along with the days of the week required. You will need to await confirmation that your child can attend, and from when, before they come to the Academy.

We want to be able to support our families that need it most, and if you genuinely require our services for your child to be in the Academy at this time then we are happy to have them. However, the larger the numbers in the building, the greater the risk and it is our duty to minimise that risk. We would suggest that students in Year 10 & 11 should be able to stay home unsupervised unless there are specific circumstances why you feel this is not the case.

A cause for celebration

At this time of concern and uncertainty, if there is any cause to celebrate then it is important to do so. We are therefore delighted to share with you the news that we have been awarded an educational outcomes award:

Oasis Academy Coulsdon has been recognised nationally by receiving a prestigious award for their outstanding key stage 4 results last year. The award is based on 2019 data provided by the Department for Education and Ofsted, and for the school's commitment to collaboration, analysed by SSAT, the School, Students and Teachers network.

Oasis Academy Coulsdon was found to be among the best performing non-selective secondary schools in the country, receiving an award for being in DfE Band 2 for student progress at key stage 4.

The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England and the highest performing schools in a range of key measures are awarded SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards.



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Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said:

“Congratulations to Oasis Academy Coulsdon on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of students, staff, parents and governors. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you.”

If there is anything we can do to support you during this period of transition then please do not hesitate to get in contact. Stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Principal



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