



Oak Hill Academy

West London

an Aspirations Academy

6th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen in the news last week, that the government issued school guidance to support the full re-opening of schools in September 2020. **I am delighted to inform you that Oak Hill Academy will open to all children in Years 3,4 5 and 6 on Monday 7th September 2020.**

In preparation for a September reopening, we are carefully acting on all of the government guidance to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our Oak Hill pupils and staff.

The Aspirations Academies Trust fully supports the view set out in the government guidance that returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn, therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school.

If you would like to read the guidance click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The guidance also states that the risk to children themselves becoming ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low.

Travel to and from school

Getting to school may also be a concern for some parents. The government are encouraging pupils to walk or to ride a bike to and from school wherever this is possible. Families using public transport should refer to the [safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

Attendance

School attendance will be mandatory again from Monday 7th September 2020. This means that all the usual rules on school attendance will once again apply, including:

- Parents have a duty to ensure their children attend school regularly
- School have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up on all absence
- The Local Authority can issue fixed penalty notice fines for non-attendance

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with medical, clinical and/or public health advice, we will offer them access to remote home learning education. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised. NHS medical letters as evidence/proof of this will be required.

School lunches will be available to all those who want them from the start of the autumn term and those children eligible for free school meals will receive them.

Uniform expectations will be back to normal with all elements of the Oak Hill uniform policy expected to be followed. This is also in line with government advice.

I hope this information is helpful. I will send you a further letter before the end of the summer term outlining more specific and detailed arrangements for a safe reopening in the autumn term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Saim
Principal

