

Dear Brightstowe Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Before I give you details about our plans for all students returning to school after the summer, I would like to thank you for all your support. Your children’s education is a partnership, between you and the staff here at Brightstowe. I know that we – the staff – could not be luckier than to have each of you as our partners. Thank you.

IMPORTANT: All the year groups detailed in this letter and all communication will now refer to the year group your child will be in for September 2020.

As well as information about arrangements for August and September, this pack will also include suggested summer activities for all students and a reading book for every child in the Years 8 to 11. Students in the Years 8, 9 and 10 should bring their completed activities and reading book with them on Friday 4th September (see below); students in Year 11 should bring these in when they have their one-to-one tutorial in August (see below).

Further to my letter last week, I am now able to give you full details about our plans for reopening to all students in September. Please note that these plans are written to meet (and in some aspects, exceed) the Government’s expectations. I would encourage you to read these expectations yourself by searching for ‘DfE guidance parents’ online.

KEY DATES

Thu 20 Aug	Exam results day for Year 11 leavers (2019/2020 year group) Please see enclosed letter from Mr Symes.
Mon 24 to Thu 27 Aug	One-to-one tutorials for Year 11 (2020/2021 year group) Please see enclosed letter from Ms Stebbings.
Thu 3 Sep	‘Getting to know you’ appointments for Year 7 families. Please see enclosed letter from Ms Ryan. Compulsory induction morning for Year 11 Students should arrive between 09.10-09.30, in full uniform. The induction morning will finish at 11.30.
Fri 4 Sep	Transition morning for Year 7 Students should arrive between 08.50-09.10, in full uniform. The transition morning will finish at 11.10. Compulsory induction morning for Year 8 Students should arrive between 08.50-09.10, in full uniform. The induction morning will finish at 11.10.

<p>Fri 4 Sep (cont/d)</p>	<p>Compulsory induction morning for Year 9 Students should arrive between 0830-0850, in full uniform. The induction morning will finish at 1050.</p> <p>Compulsory induction morning for Year 10 Students should arrive between 0830-0850, in full uniform. The induction morning will finish at 1050.</p> <p>No school for Year 11.</p>
<p>Mon 7 Sep</p>	<p>Full return for all students</p> <p>Daily timings as follows, until further notice:</p> <p>Year 7 Arrive from 0850-0910; finish at 1450.</p> <p>Year 8 Arrive from 0850-0910; finish at 1450.</p> <p>Year 9 Arrive from 0830-0850; finish at 1510.</p> <p>Year 10 Arrive from 0830-0850; finish at 1510.</p> <p>Year 11 Arrive from 0910-0930; finish at 1610.</p> <p>Please note that Years 7, 8 and 11 have different start and finish times than normal. This is to support staggered use of public transport and to help keep year group bubbles separate (see below).</p>

MAIN POINTS

Risk assessment

Our plans have been put together with the support of Oasis Community Learning and Brightstowe's health and safety committee. The committee will meet weekly throughout next term in order to monitor the implementation of the plans.

Attendance

The Government requires all students to attend school from September onwards.

Face masks

Current Government guidance is that face masks will not be compulsory in schools. Staff will be wearing them as much as possible, though, and students are welcome to do so.

Hand washing

All students will be required to wash their hands at set times during the day. Each year group will have its own set of toilets. We have also purchased several additional hand washing stations.

Bubble classes

Each year group will be a 'bubble' with its own zone of the school, in which all its lessons will take place in classrooms that will not be used by other year groups. Students will follow as close-to-normal a timetable as possible.

Social distancing

The Government does not expect students to follow social distancing practices, but we will encourage this wherever possible.

Toilet breaks

We will have additional staff on patrol in each year group zone. They will escort students to the toilet at set times during the day, as well as if an individual emergency arises.

Break times

Each year group will have a morning break in its bubble classrooms and a lunch break outdoors. Hot and cold food will be available to purchase at lunchtime.

Drinks and snacks

We will provide each student with a water bottle, which they should fill at home and bring in each day. We are looking into providing a healthy morning snack for every child, free of charge.

Packed lunches

Students are welcome to bring a packed lunch, but it must remain in their bag during lessons and they must take any wrappers and leftovers home with them.

Breakfast Club

This will start from Monday 14th September, 08.00 onwards, and will take place outside, by the Food Cube.

Academy uniform

Students should wear their full academy uniform. You can purchase uniform as normal at www.swischoolwear.co.uk. Please note that we will be providing every student with a new tie in September.

Physical education

Outdoor PE lessons will be taking place for all year groups. We will not be using our changing rooms, so once students have received their timetables in September, they should plan to wear their PE kit to school on the relevant day, wearing it for the whole day.

Lesson equipment

We will provide your child with everything they need for their lessons, including stationery.

Parents and visitors

Please note that parents and visitors will only be permitted on site with an appointment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

While I appreciate that there is a lot of information in this letter, I know that many of you will have further questions.

You are welcome to email hello@oasisbrightstowe.org with these. We will respond during the week beginning Monday 17th August.

We will also give your children more information to bring home to you following their compulsory year group induction day.

Thank you in advance for all that you will do to help your children get ready for September and to support them in attending school.

I wish you and your families a safe and healthy summer.

Be brave. Be kind. Shine bright.



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