

**Newsletter Friday 11th September 2020**

**WELCOME BACK**

First of all, a warm welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. It's been a strange start back, with staggered starts and finishes, and many changes to our day-to-day operation, but I'm pleased to say that the children have been absolutely amazing and have taken everything in their stride. We are so proud of them all! They are showing incredibly positive attitudes to their learning and are obviously keen to make up their lost learning, so it's been a great start back so far!

We have a number of new teachers this year: Mr Henderson joined us in Year 5, Mrs Allman in Year 3, Mr Moody in Year 6, Mrs Hussain in Year 2 and Mrs Baker in Year 1. They are incredibly excited to be joining our teaching team.

We will not be able to resume some of our usual activities this term, until a clearer picture of the Covid situation emerges this autumn. You will be aware that there have been some cases where pupils in certain school years have been sent home in schools around the country. Please be reassured that we have had clear guidelines from our local Director of Public Health which we will follow should this happen here at the academy, and all stages we will keep you appropriately informed. In the meantime, we are doing everything we can to make sure your children are safe in school, and the actions of the majority of parents/carers to maintain a safe distance from other parents when on the school grounds are much appreciated. We all have a responsibility to **protect ourselves, protect our children and protect our community through our individual safe actions.**

We will be sending this newsletter out electronically, but please let us know if you would prefer a paper copy.

**ATTENDANCE**

**If your child has any of the following symptoms please DO NOT send them to school and call 119 for advice:**

- **A high temperature** – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)
- **A new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if your child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your child's sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything or things smell or taste different to normal

**Your child can come to school if they have any of the following:**

- Cold symptoms/runny nose
- Cough (not dry)
- Sore throat
- Tummy ache

If you are unsure, please call **111** for advice.

**SICKNESS/DIARRHOEA**

If your child has sickness/diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.

## FACE MASKS/SOCIAL DISTANCING - REMINDER

The Government does not recommend that face masks are used by primary-aged children within school.

Oasis is requiring all staff to wear visors when they are teaching and face coverings when social distancing is not possible.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers could wear face masks/coverings when dropping off/collecting their children. This measure will help us to reduce the risk of adult-to-adult transmission of the virus and its spread in the community.

**We would also like to remind you to keep a safe distance of 2m (6ft) from other parents when collecting/dropping off children.**

## MCAS (MY CHILD AT SCHOOL) APP

Thank you to all of the parents who have registered for the My Child at School App. If you have not yet registered for the app it is important that you do so if possible.

All payments for dinner money/trips/breakfast club and book bags will now be done through the app and any letters/information sent from the academy will also be uploaded to this.

If you are having problems registering for the app, please contact the academy office and they will try to help.

## P.E. KITS

Just a quick reminder that on P.E. days your child/ren will need to come to school dressed in their P.E. Kits, they will stay in them all day.

## WATER BOTTLES

Children are required to bring in their own water bottle for their individual use. These must be labelled and can be re-filled during the day. Please do not send your children with juice in their bottles, only water.

## PARKING

When dropping off/collecting children in cars please ensure that you avoid parking over drives belonging to residents on Spencer Avenue/Henderson Avenue. There have been a few complaints that drives are being blocked during the day. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## TRAINING DAYS

**Important – please note:**

The academy will be closed for one day only on **FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** for teacher-training days.

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

F2D		3SC	93.31%
F2N		4FB	97.50%
F2T		4P	93.33%
1BB	96.15%	4S	98.57%
1DB	97.33%	5G	87.63%
1P	94.83%	5H	91.79%
2A	98.65%	5M	95.00%
2AH	87.33%	6C	85.51%
2B	96.50%	6CM	89.58%
3A	86.27%	6N	96.55%
3B	97.60%	TOTAL	93.51%

Well done to **2A** on achieving **98.65%**!

## DIARY DATES

### **OCTOBER**

**16<sup>th</sup> Staff training day (academy closed for one day only)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Academy closes for half term**

### **NOVEMBER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Academy re-opens**

**20<sup>th</sup> Staff training day (academy closed for one day only)**



