



14th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we have completed a full term in the midst of the continued challenge of the global pandemic. I have often repeated this term my pride in our students and I would like to once again comment on the joy they have brought to the academy, we are incredibly proud of how they have dealt with the pandemic and met the expectations we have of them.

I would also like to extend my thanks to you all, your support of our vision is so important and I am very grateful to you all.

Our LORIC newsletter will follow in due course before the end of term, I hope you enjoy reading about all the wonderful things our staff and students have done which will provide you with a flavour of all the fantastic work that has been completed this term. The newsletter will also be available on our website and will be posted on Twitter and Facebook.

Oasis Big Give 2021

The OAO Big Give has been a huge success and we have had a large number of items donated thanks to your generosity. The hampers are being assembled by our Oasis Hub Team and Student Leaders, ready to distribute to families in our local community. Thank you also for your words of kindness received alongside donated items.

Oasis Christmas Lunch Wednesday 15th December

On Wednesday 16th a traditional festive lunch will be available at lunchtime. A full turkey or vegetarian Christmas lunch and dessert and drink will be available for the same school lunch price of £2.25.

Festive Reward Assemblies

We will once again hold our Festive Reward Assemblies on the last day of term to celebrate and reward students with excellent progress, attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning. I will address the entire academy community via Microsoft teams and then hand over to colleagues who will continue the celebrations.

Final day of term – Friday 17th December

We will finish at the earlier time of 12:35pm. A Grab bag lunch will be provided for students who wish to have their lunch. The Academy bus service will arrive at this earlier time also and please note this earlier time if you collect your child.

Free School Meals

Please note that all families entitled to free school meals will receive their vouchers via email as usual. If you have not received your vouchers do get in touch.

Over the holidays

We are all looking forward to the upcoming holiday. To help reduce the spread of Covid-19, please remember

1. Please support your child to test across the holiday. You can now [order free lateral flow tests](#) to see if you have Covid-19 (search lateral flow tests.)
2. Should you or your child have symptoms of Covid-19 [please get a PCR test as soon as possible](#) (search 'free PCR Test.')
3. If you are planning on [travelling abroad, the rules have changed](#) (search 'travel from UK').

4. Vaccination, and in some instances vaccination boosters, are now available for all adults and children over 12 who consent. Please support your child to receive the vaccine if you as a family consent. This will help to reduce the risk for everyone.

Uniform

All students are expected to return to the academy in full uniform after the Christmas break. Uniform must be worn according to the academy uniform policy, but can I remind parents and carers of the following:

- The academy blazer is compulsory and must be worn at all times
- Facial piercings, including tongue piercings, are forbidden.
- False/acrylic and painted nails are not permitted and must be removed before returning in January
- False eyelashes are not permitted

For more details, please see our uniform policy located on our website.

Starting the new term

Students will return after the Christmas break on **Wednesday 5th January 2022** at the normal time of 8.30am

If your child has symptoms, is unwell, or it has been confirmed that they have COVID-19, it is very important that they do not return to school until they have been tested and if necessary self-isolated. Please contact us before bringing your child to school, and we can advise you.

In the New Year we will continue with all our precautions (social distancing, face coverings and visors, additional handwashing.) so that we can open safely. We can only do this however if every family follows this advice and is extra vigilant of their child's health. Please only bring your child to school if they are well, have no symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19.

Returning to school in January - Testing

The Government have asked that all secondary students (who consent) to complete one on-site asymptomatic test when they return to school in January, and then continue to complete tests twice weekly at home.

So that we can ensure the testing process goes as smoothly as possible, we will be testing all students on Tuesday January 4th with different start times for each year group. Please click on the link to confirm attendance for testing on January 4th and complete the form by using the link below: -

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zz3XjXy17EC3-HVbUS2fe_SRI55VdIIdDsQ-2G4-mzadUNEVGVEVWRjJUMERaTzNZUzgyR1IPQIAxMi4u

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please contact the academy on T: 0161 624 9630 or email: admin.requests@oasisoldham.org.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parents, carers and students a happy and restful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

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