



15 September 2020

Welcome Back

As we start our second week back at the Academy I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate all of our children and students on how fantastically well they have settled back in to the Academy, we know that some things are different however children and students alike have taken these in their stride and have focussed on what really matters, learning.

It is fantastic to have full classrooms and corridors again, I know that both children and staff are excited to be back doing what we all love. We are also aware that for a number of our children this is the first time since we closed in March that they have been onsite and that is alongside being exciting, also a nervous time. To help with this we have ensured that our Inclusion staff are always around to provide additional support to class teachers if required.

Our children's attitude to their learning has always been excellent and as ever we will continue to strive to deliver an exceptional education at the heart of the community as we are resolute in our determination that every child who attends Oasis Academy Don Valley is provided with every opportunity to develop the competence and character it takes to lead a successful life.

We spoke to all children on Friday about our aim for them this year – which is to be great, this means from every child we want to see:

- ❖ Great learning
- ❖ Great behaviour
- ❖ Great attendance

To support with **great learning** I am excited to announce to you that this year across Oasis Community Learning we will be launching the Horizons project. Please see the enclosed letter which outlines further this exciting programme.

To support with **great attendance** Miss Dalton and Mrs Bellamy will be writing out this week to outline our target setting process for this year and to try and clear up some confusion at the moment around how to report absence and illness and our expected response as an Academy.

I would like to extend our thanks to yourselves as parents and carer. We are all working through our new ways of working and these are constantly under review, your patience with this has been very much appreciated. In order to ensure that you are confident in these for both yourself and your child please can I ask that you review them regularly. In particular I would ask that you arrive no more than **5 minutes prior to your allocated drop off or collection time**. This for our primary children ensures we can adequately social distance at the front of the Academy and for our secondary children avoids bubbles coming into contact on the boulevard.

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Can I also ask that as soon as you have collected that you leave the site and make your way home, if your child is in the secondary phase and walks to the Academy please can you discuss this with them.

	Arrive	Depart
N	8:30am/12:30pm	11:30am/3:30pm
R	8.15	2.30
1	8.30	2.45
2	9.00	3.15
3	8.45	3.00
4	9.15	3.30
5	8.15	2.30
6	8.15	2.30
7	8.30	3.00
8	8.45	3.15
9	8.30	3.00

If you are late we will ask you to wait until last drop of or collection as this ensures we can keep children safe.

My final thank you goes to all of the staff here at Oasis academy Don Valley, both old and new. Every member of staff has worked unbelievably hard to ensure that all children have been able to return safely and hit the ground running so effectively. You should feel proud that our Academy has such a committed group of professionals who are prepared to give their all on behalf of the children and students who attend here.

We are looking forward to another successful year here at Oasis Academy Don Valley and as ever with your ongoing support. If you have any questions please contact us by email at info@oasisdonvalley.org or telephone on 0114 2200 400. As I am sure you can understand limiting the number of parents in our reception has led to these contact points being very busy, again can I ask for your patience with this.

Once again thank you for all your support at this time.

Yours sincerely



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