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Dear Parent/Carer

October Update – Letter 3

We have once again arrived at the end of another fantastic week of learning and activity here at Oasis Academy Don Valley. All of our students have once again worked really hard across all their different lessons and produced some high-quality pieces of work.

Our classroom culture and willingness to engage with their learning has been particularly noticeable this week when completing my different learning walks and classroom visits. Our students hold themselves to account over their learning and continue to strive to do well and respond to the many different challenges their teachers present them with on a daily basis. What is also key to our success is how well our students support each and ensure that their behaviour in class. Please take in to reinforce the need to give 100% to everything they do at the Academy as this is what will underpin the progress that the make.

Thank you to all of our primary parents and carers who have attended our parent talks over the last few weeks. We cannot stress enough how important it is for us all to work together to support your child to achieve their potential. We hope that you found these sessions both interesting and informative and you feel that you have a good understand of what will be covered this year in your child's classroom. A particular thank you to our Year 6 parents who attended our SATs consultations, this is vitally important in supporting your child to achieve their very best as we strive to achieve record SATs results this year with our first ever full cohort.

Our new Year 7 and Reception students continue to settle into their new school routines really well. Having spent some time walking through lessons, I can honestly say, that all of our parents can be tremendously proud of how well they have settled in following a very different transition year and we know that they will continue to flourish.

Before the end of this half term, we are looking forward to holding our Year 5/6 open evening where we will be welcoming prospective students to our Academy. This is a very important event in the Oasis Academy Don Valley Calendar, where we get to show off everything that is exceptional about the secondary phase of our Academy. If you or family friend are making the important choice of which Academy to choose for the next step in education, please put the date of 19th October in your diary. We are sure that the demand for places will be high once again where last year we were one of the most popular school choices in Sheffield.

Administration of Medicines

please may I request that if your child requires medicine during the school day, the correct paperwork must be completed and presented to the office staff. The medicines will then be stored in a safe place and the designated staff in the Academy will administer the medicine accordingly. At no point should the students be sent into the Academy with medicines we are unaware of. Many thanks for your support and understanding regarding this matter.

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Water Bottles

May I politely request that the students only bring water into school in their drinking bottles. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had to confiscate a number of bottles of fizzy drinks including energy drinks both of which are not allowed in the Academy, please can you discuss this with your child to ensure that they are clear on the Academy expectations

Uniform

I also know you all understand how much we value the importance of our students presenting smartly at school, whether that is when wearing their Academy Uniform or their PE kit. There can be no disputing that this has remained in place, give, or take the occasional shirt or two that has required tucking in! We look forward to this continuing to be the case in the future as it sets the tone of high expectation and creates such strong impression in terms of the Pride our students have in our Academy.

Attendance

Attendance has started positively in some classes within the Academy however this must remain a focus as we continue to build the good habits of attending every day! As with everything, I would like to see this figure increase even further. Let us set the tough target of achieving a percentage in excess of 97% next week! I cannot stress enough how important it is that all students are in the Academy every daily. Please may I politely request that holidays and appointments (unless totally unavoidable) are not taken or made during term time.

School Lunches

Secondary children should ensure that they have enough money on their accounts to purchase food at break and lunch as required.

Social Media/Contact

Just a reminder that you can also follow us on our Twitter and Facebook accounts or contact us by telephone or email.



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Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Pape".

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