

14 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy – and very active week at the academy!

### **Body and Soul**

All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Body and Soul initiative this week, especially the live session today where so many of our academies joined in with the record-breaking attempt to have the greatest number of participants in a fitness session. Thank you to Sam, our resident PE teacher for organising this. Many thanks for all of your donations too – we are always so grateful when we can contribute to fundraising for such great causes and have great fun at the same time!

### **Parking**

Unfortunately, I've received a letter this week from the residents of Marksbury Road, specifically those living opposite the school. They have reported that families are blocking their driveways and making it difficult to walk on the pavement. When they have approached some of our parents about this they report that they have sworn at and shouted at. We work incredibly hard to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and local community and would appreciate your support in helping us with this. As you know we have no power at the academy to force you to park anywhere, but we are in active discussions with the council and the police about enforcement action and how we can help encourage positive relationships with the community. If you need to drive here, please do park considerately.

### **Parents Evenings**

We have Parents Evenings booked in for 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June – hopefully we will be in a position to hold these in person at the academy so that you can meet with our teachers in person and have a look at the wonderful work that the children have produced throughout the year. Their books are a joy to see despite the disruptions we have had to contend with. Obviously we will be following guidance from the government and guidance from Oasis, and if we can't go ahead with in-person meetings we will of course arrange these over Teams as we did earlier in the year.

### **Class Photos**

We hope that we will finally be able to get the photographer into school to take class photos – these are planned for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Again, if government recommendations mean that this can't go ahead we will let you know, but thought you might want the date in your diaries for fringe trims and clean uniform preparations!

### **School Trips**

We are now in a position to be organising school trips for the children. We just want to assure you that in addition to our normal risk assessment procedures, we will be specifically be risk assessing COVID related risk and ensuring that COVID secure practices are in place on all trips out of the academy over the coming terms.

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## **Staff Masks and Visors**

I'm sure you will have heard about the relaxation of COVID measures as of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May in certain aspects of daily life. At the academy we are very excited that as of Monday our staff won't be required to wear masks and visors when teaching lessons from the front of the room. This will be a huge relief – I can't even begin to explain what a challenge it has been to teach wearing these. Of course, staff will continue to wear a face covering when working closely with a child or when social distancing isn't possible. We are all thoroughly looking forward to some facial freedom!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday before 8:45am please!

Yours,

Clare