

16 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term we can reflect on what a crazy year this has been. So much disruption in so many ways, but as I have read through the children's reports and analysed their assessments data, it is so clear to see that the children have achieved so well despite this. What resilient and determined children we have, and plans are in place for September to offer the children a wonderful and wholesome curriculum. We keep our fingers tightly crossed that some measures will in fact be lifted by September and we can enjoy some of the things we used to take for granted. Until then, we will look forward to a summer of rest and recuperation.

Just a few notices this week:

Parking

I've received an email from a very lovely polite man who lives on Oakhill Drive explaining how he is regularly getting trapped in his house by parents parking over his drive. Please don't do this – it causes really unnecessarily bad feeling between the academy and our neighbours. Please take an extra few minutes in the morning and afternoon to park somewhere where you can park safely and lawfully. A number of parents still pull up right next to the little parking people, on the double yellow lines. Again, this is dangerous to families crossing, and disruptive to the flow of traffic. We can't change the fact that parking around the school is challenging, but we can all make the decision not to park or pull over in places which are unsafe.

Family Liaison Worker

In September we will be welcoming Claire Carty to the team who will take the role of Family Liaison Worker, supporting families and supporting the Leadership Team with family and community work. Claire will be visiting the academy next week and you will all get to know her in September when she's on the gate with the Leadership Team in the mornings.

19th July 2021

Many of you have been asking about whether we will be changing procedure around bubbles from Monday 19th July. We won't be making any changes before September. As you can imagine, to work through new guidance this close to the end of term would be overwhelming and potentially confusing, especially as there is likely to be new guidance again from 16th August. For this reason, we have decided to keep bubbles in place until the end of term, therefore limiting contacts for the children until we are all safely into the summer holidays.

Fun Week

The children are looking forward to a 'fun week' next week and as I mentioned last week, please do check the [year group pages on the website](#) to find details about what will be going on and what they will need to wear. I've heard the children talking about not doing any learning. Of course we know there will be lots of learning going on for them

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with sports activities, performances, working together and celebrations. I have however let my own children believe they will in fact not be learning as they seem to feel quite excited about this thought 😊 Please ensure the children have SPF50 suncream applied before school every day next week, and a water bottle with them too, as many activities will be outside and we can expect some lovely sunshine. If you are unsure on any day which clothes to send your children in – please don't worry – go with whatever feels best.

Absences in the final week of term

It is really important that you let the office know if your child is not in school, whatever the reason for this is. We really do appreciate honesty with the reasons you give as we are always understanding of different circumstances. We do have a duty to keep a legally accurate register for attendance so please let us know ahead of time if you are able to. We anticipate some absences next week for various reasons, and if you let us know it will limit office staff having to make phone calls to follow up absences. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Date reminders

The last day of term for us is Friday 23rd July and we look forward to welcoming the children back to their new year groups on Monday 6th September for another year of super learning!

Eid Mubarak

Wishing all of our Muslim families a very happy Eid for next week – we hope you manage to enjoy wonderful celebrations with your friends and families!

Enjoy the lovely sunny weekend and we look forward to having all of our isolating children back next week for a great end to term.

Kind regards,

Clare