

23 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are finally at the end of what has been a very hot week and a very long term. The children have had a wonderful week of great enrichment activities. They've loved Sports Day – a massive thank you to Sam for organising such a superb covid safe event, there have been parties and talent shows and so much fun to send us in to the holidays.

Just a few notes before we sign off:

Dates and plans for Autumn Term

We return to the academy on **Monday 6th September 2021**. Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are academy inset days. The gate procedure in the mornings will remain the same as it is currently with drop offs between 8:30 and 8:45. Arrivals after the gate has closed at 8:45 will be signed in at the office and will receive a late mark.

Pick up time for September

You will be able to access the playground at 3:15 from either entrance and leave through either gate too. The children will be dismissed from their classrooms between 3:20 and 3:30.

iPads

Adjustments to our curriculum in September means that the children will require their iPads to be in school with them, fully charged, every day. Not all work will be completed on the iPad, but all work will be photographed and uploaded to an online learning platform as our workflow evidence portal. It's incredibly exciting, and we really appreciate your support in ensuring have this precious resource with them each day.

Labelling uniform

As a parent I know this is the most mundane of summer holiday jobs, but please take the time to label your children's uniform ready for the return to school in September. So many things go missing and it's always much easier to locate them and return them to their rightful owner when they are clearly labelled.

Attached Letter

Please do take the time to read the attached [OAMR Parent Letter](#) which outlines details on how COVID practices will be changing for the summer holidays and for the Autumn term. As always we want to provide you with as much information as possible in advance, but ask that you remain mindful that any of these plans can change at any point depending on the local and national covid context.

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Gifts, wishes and kindness

A massive thank you for all of the lovely gifts, cards, messages and emails that the leadership team and staff have received over the past week. It always leaves us speechless, but the kind messages after such a tricky and disjointed year have been so gratefully received. As we always say, these things are never expected, but always so appreciated.

Thank you

A final thank you from the leadership team and from our teaching teams and support staff for all of the support and kindness you've shown this year. It has been without doubt one of the most challenging school years imaginable, but with the right staff, and the most brilliant culture and determination, the children have had a superb year. Your children, in the face of adversity have continued to develop and thrive both socially and academically and I continue to be so incredibly proud of our academy and our parentship with you in ensuring the best for everyone. I'm so hopeful that next year will see some kind of return to school as we once had it, and I know that the children will continue to go from strength to strength.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays with your families and can't wait to welcome the children back on site on Monday 6th September 2021 for another great year of learning together.

Yours,
Clare