



October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of our first half term, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about some of what has been happening. We launched a new behaviour pathway this year, which staff are all following. This gives a consistent approach and enables our students to learn in a disruptive free environment. Our staff have had been working on our three pledges. They are always on the door to welcome your child at the start of the lesson and ensure all students leave in an orderly fashion. They are out for 'Round in 2' during transitions to ensure that no learning time is lost and finally we have hands up for silence within the classroom. Another new launch this year is the 'Be the Best' card. Students have really bought into this and really want to get a positive tick, rather than a negative one on their 'Be Proud' card. Students with three ticks on their 'Be the Best' card get the opportunity to be entered into a prize draw. We have already had one this half term with winners getting £10 WHS vouchers, and this Friday there is another draw for £10 amazon vouchers. The detention system has also changed and we are in the process of automating this, so that if your child receives a detention you will automatically be notified through a text.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of:

Uniform

Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our academy's culture of high expectations. It is one way in which we identify ourselves as an academy community and it promotes a strong and cohesive academy character. Our uniform ensures all students are equal in the eyes of each other and enhances security. As well as looking professional, the wearing of uniform distinguishes a learning environment.

We ask parents and carers to support all decisions by academy staff regarding whether or not clothing is appropriate or inappropriate for school. Skirts should be knee length and only one of two styles, **Charleston** or **Thornton**. We do not allow stretchy material for either skirts or trousers. Blazers must be worn at all times; school logo jumpers/cardigans are optional. Shoes are to be black and 'professional', trainers are not permitted. Nose studs or retainers are not permitted and must not be worn in school. Please be mindful of this if you are allowing your child to have a piercing done. Finally, as winter approaches, all students need a sensible warm/waterproof coat. A hoodie/sweatshirt is not an acceptable alternative or part of our uniform policy.

Bike Safety

We have had a number of complaints from members of the public recently around bike safety and as a result, we are concerned for the safety of our students. We have had to take the difficult decision to ask some parents not to allow their child to ride to school for a period of time, due to the dangerous way they are behaving on their bikes. Wheeling on pavements, main roads, car parks, in school have become a real concern of ours, just this morning we had a report a student had fallen off in front of a car as a result of this, and were lucky they had not been seriously injured. I ask that you as parents speak to your children about bike safety. They should be protecting their heads and wear a helmet. It is fact that this reduces the risk of serious injury by up to 85%. They should 'ditch' the headphones, as listening to music on a bike can impair their ability to hear traffic and pedestrians. They should also follow the rules of the road. By law only students 12 or under are allowed to ride on the pavements. They need to be safe and keep two hands on their handlebars and ensure two wheels are in contact with the ground in order to maintain control at all times. Finally, as the days are getting shorter it is strongly advised your child is visible with bright clothing and lights.

I hope that this is helpful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help with your queries andrea.willis@oasismayfield.org.

We wish you and your child a well-deserved, half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 4th November 2019.

Yours sincerely

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