

10th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you for your support and cooperation during the last term (*and in particular last week during our enforced closure*) here at Ormiston SWB.

The children have worked incredibly hard both in the classroom with their studies and outside the classroom meeting our expectations. I also want to inform you about a number of events.

Christmas Dinner – Thursday 19th December

A free Christmas Dinner will be served to all students and staff (over 1300 meals!) on Thursday 19th December. All students have the opportunity to receive the free lunch served by the Senior Leadership Team and Sixth Form students.

Last day of term. Christmas Muffin (non-uniform) day & early close - Friday 20th December

On Friday 20th December, we will be holding a non-uniform day (Christmas themed if students wish to). Students should bring a £1 donation to raise funds for charity. As usual, we will close a little earlier on the final day. Lessons and activities at the academy will end at 12.15pm. There will be no lunch provided during the day, however snacks will be available during break time.

Wet Weather

In snowy and icy weather, the academy will make a decision in relation to the health and safety of the students and staff on the site. A decision is always made as early as possible and will be placed on the website, through a text message, Facebook, Twitter and the local radio stations.

Expectations

I wanted to say thank you to parents and carers for their support in meeting our uniform expectations this term. I would like to also remind parents about our uniform rules. It is not acceptable if a student is wearing extreme/heavy makeup and/or an extreme hairstyle (no dyes or tramlines). Only one piercing is allowed in each ear, no facial piercings are allowed in the academy. In addition, 'skinny' trousers, leggings or jeans/chinos style of trousers are not acceptable. Also, a reminder that footwear must be black polishable shoes.

A reminder that all parents and carers now have access to Class Charts, please check notes on a student's profile detailing anything you need to keep track of, or any communication that we think you need to be aware of.

Can you also please support the academy by ensuring every student is fully prepared every day for the new term with the following equipment: **School bag, reading book, academy planner, pencil case, pen, ruler and eraser – Lockers are available upon request.** Please don't hesitate to ask for a locker.

To further improve the quality of learning & teaching at the academy we are completing a full curriculum review. To support this on **Monday 9th March & Tuesday 10th March 2020** there will be two extra INSET days added to the calendar and the academy will be closed to students.

Finally, a reminder about our academy start time. We begin the academy day at 8.40am and students must be on site by this time. If students arrive after this time they will be marked as late and appropriate sanctions will be put into place.

Next Year

The Academy will re-open to students on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Have a wonderful Christmas, and a peaceful and relaxing New Year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or concerns. (My direct personal email is rhughes@oswba.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,



WR Hughes
Principal.