



6th November 2020

Dear Parents/carers

A warm welcome back to students and parents/carers after the half term holiday. It is great to see students already into the flow of the new daily structure and engaged in another term of learning in the classroom.

Parent Forum

Since becoming Principal we have always held our first Parent Forum of the year during Term 2. This is where we invite parents onto site to work with the Leadership Team in shaping current priority areas of work for the academy. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this is not possible, so we will be running a virtual forum to gain parental/carer feedback in the near future. We will share this forum with you via email, text and twitter in the hope that we will be able to return to face to face events soon.

Hub Council

Oasis Academy Brislington is in the process of moving from an Academy Council to a Hub Council. The vision is to develop a Hub Council that can respond to the strengths and needs of our local neighbourhood. We are therefore actively seeking community members to become engaged in designing, delivering and helping to lead services. Our Hub Council will play a key role in ensuring our priorities are driven by a local movement of people and is a key mechanism for ensuring that we are accountable to the community that we serve.

Recently the current skeleton council shared a survey which 227 parents/carers responded too. A summary of this survey is available by visiting the Hub Council page of the Academy website. This feedback will help shape the direction of the Hub Council moving forward. We are also in the process of recruiting a Community Project Worker and we will be sharing a draft version of the role and recruitment pack with you for feedback before we go to advert in the new year.

Bad Weather

This time of year brings with it the threat of bad weather. In the event of snow, we will do everything we can to try to keep the Academy site open. However, we must put the health and safety of students and staff above all else and on occasion we may need to close for everybody's safety. If this happens, we will put a message on the Academy website, contact Radio Bristol who will announce school closures and send a text message to parents/carers using the principal contact that we have on our managed information system (BROMCOM).

Catering

Please be aware that due to the current structure of the academy day and COVID regulations that the catering company APSENS have to adhere to the method of service and subsequently the food offer is much more like a takeaway than canteen.

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Face Masks

At the start of the academic year Oasis academies were one of the first secondary schools in Bristol to request that students wear face masks during transition around the academy. You will have seen in the press that the DfE are now providing clearer guidance to all schools about the use of Face masks by students. Here at Oasis Academy Brislington we are looking to go a step further in order to keep your child safe and ask that they wear their academy face mask as soon as they come onto the academy site. Could I also ask that parents/carers model this behaviour by also wearing a face mask when on the academy site, especially during the start and finish of the academy day.

Bicycle Sheds

Unfortunately, our bicycle sheds have been targeted by thieves over the past few weeks. Already in place to try and stop bicycles being stolen we have CCTV, daily locking and unlocking routines, regular police patrols and staffing at the end of the day. However, the thefts have continued so we are now going to lock the pedestrian gate adjacent to the sheds from 09:10 until 14:20. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but during these times pedestrians will need to walk further down Hungerford Road and access via the pedestrian gate next to the vehicle entry gate. We are also replacing all the bolts holding the Perspex glass with riveted studs. Please remember not to leave bicycles unlocked in the sheds and use a high security bike lock to secure bicycles to one of the stands.

Home Learning

Due to the current situation we have decided to create a knowledge organiser booklet for all our year 7-9 students. The booklet includes information about how to use a knowledge organiser effectively, a learning journey for each subject, a knowledge organiser for the majority of subjects as well as some information where studying this subject could take your child in the future. Your child can use this resource to complete homework or blended learning activities as well as learning the knowledge they should know for each subject.

If you have any questions or require further clarification on any of the items mentioned in my letter, then please do not hesitate in contacting the academy where we can put you in contact with the relevant member of staff.

Kind Regards,



Peter Knight
Principal