

19th January 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you update you on a **whole academy closure day** on Friday May 3rd and I wanted to give you as much notice as possible. This closure has become necessary as the Academy site will be used as a 'counting facility' by Bristol City Council following local elections that are taking place at this time.

Students will access remote learning on this day and subject specific lessons will be uploaded to TEAMS with our Year 11 students having access to revision lessons/materials.

We will reopen as normal on May 7th after the Bank Holiday weekend. I apologise for this inconvenience, and I appreciate your understanding that this is a situation I cannot change.

In my end of term 2 letter, I introduced the 'Oasis Way' the framework for transformational inclusion at the heart of the community. It details Oasis Community Learnings approach to Behaviour and Pastoral Care, Special Educational Needs and Personal Development, as well as Secondary Literacy. It also provides the blueprint for all academies to design a localised Academy Way rooted in an inclusive approach, ensuring that the needs of all community members are met, and they are able to fulfil their full potential. This term we began our implementation of 'The Brislington Way' and for the last two weeks we have been focusing on:

- Arriving to the Academy
- Leaving the Academy
- Expectations when entering learning spaces
- Expectations when leaving learning spaces

For the rest of this term, we will be focusing on moving around the academy and assemblies. We are so proud of how the students and staff have embraced our 'Brislington Way', we have had a calm and productive start to this new term, and we are very proud of the collective efforts of our Academy community who have embraced this new framework, working towards consolidating a culture of excellence for everyone.

I wanted to update all parents and carers with a summary of some challenges we are currently facing regarding recruitment in certain faculty areas. As you may be aware from National news stories, recruitment within Education is currently more difficult than it has ever been, and we are not immune to these challenges. In both Humanities and English, we are currently working with several agencies who have provided us with subject-specific long-term Supply Teachers for certain lessons which we have currently been unable to recruit for.

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I want to assure you all that we are working tirelessly to appoint permanent colleagues into these areas but that in the meantime, your child may experience some supply lessons in the interim.

Within these lessons all students are still accessing the same high-quality curriculum that all Oasis Academy Brislington students are entitled to. The resources for each lesson are uploaded onto Microsoft Teams for these classes to work with and our supply teachers have an iPad to project lessons onto the board, and teach from, where appropriate. It is therefore vital that your child brings their iPad to school, fully charged, every day to make sure they can always access this work.

Thank you for your support with these challenges. I will continue to update you as the situation develops.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Nat Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Natasha Robinson (previously Pugh)

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Interim Head of School

Best Culture (Designated Safeguarding Lead)