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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, as we approach the Christmas period. A reminder that we finish school for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at 12:15pm. We will re-open on Wednesday 8th January 2025, at the usual start times for primary and secondary. The academy will be closed for staff inset days on Monday 6th January, and Tuesday 7th January 2025. This additional inset day on the 7th has been allocated by the Trust to launch the One Multi-Academies Trust, effective from 1st January 2025.

Pupils will be set online assignments to complete on 7th January, which will ensure continuity in their learning. Please encourage your child to check their Google Classroom and complete the assigned work.

The academy will reopen to all pupils on Wednesday 8th January 2025, with the school day starting at the usual time of 8.20am (secondary phase) and 8.30am (primary phase).

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prepare for this new chapter under the One Multi-Academies Trust.

Uniform

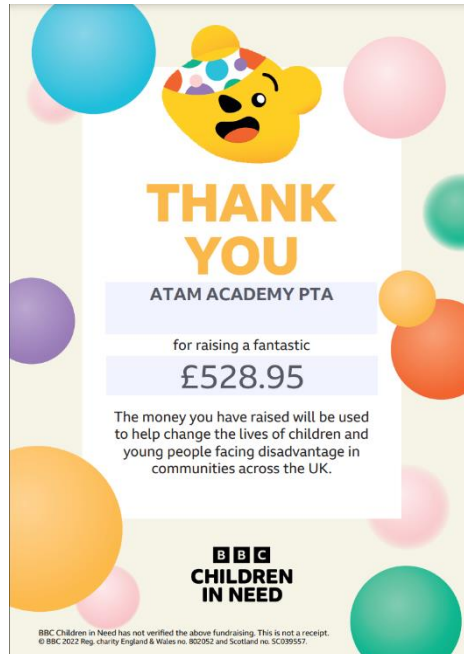
I would like to inform you that the uniform policy has been updated and white has now been included as an acceptable colour for head coverings.

Children In Need 2024

Following our recent non-uniform day, we are delighted to announce that ATAM Academy raised **£528.95** for Children in Need 2024. Thank you to everyone who donated towards this wonderful cause.



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Christmas Jumper Day at ATAM Academy – Wednesday 18th December

Primary and secondary pupils will be participating in Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils are requested to wear Christmas jumpers with their school trousers/skirts along with their normal school footwear. Jeans and shorts are not permitted.

Secondary pupils must wear their lanyards over their Christmas jumpers. We are requesting a donation of £1, which will go to the charity "Save the Children".

All payments must be made via the Reach more parents (Weduc) app.

Santa Claus visits ATAM Academy – Thursday 19th December

Santa Claus will be visiting the pupils of ATAM Academy (Nursery and Primary phase only) on Thursday 19th December. Individual classes will meet Santa Claus and children will receive a toy gift from Santa.

Should you wish for your child to receive a toy gift from Santa Claus, then please make a payment of £5.00 per child on the Reach more parents (Weduc) app by Friday 6th December. Please kindly note that we will not be accepting any requests after this date.



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Parent Local Advisory Board Member

We have received three nominations for Parent LAB member. Candidate information and ballot slips will be shared next week.

Christmas Appeal

As we approach the festive season, we are reminded of the importance of our school values santokh (contentment) and pyaar (love) through giving and supporting those in our local community who may be facing difficult times. This year, we are organising a Christmas appeal to collect essential items for a local charity Sewa Street that provides support to individuals and families in need.

We kindly ask for your help in donating the following essential items:

- Gloves
- Socks
- Blankets
- Tents
- Toiletries

Please note all items must be new and unused. Donations can be dropped off to main reception by Monday the 16th of December.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Update regarding proposed parking changes in Chadwell Heath

During the summer, Redbridge Council had conducted a resident's consultation regarding proposed parking changes on the following roads:

- Chafford Way
- Rochford Avenue
- Ongar Close
- Freshwell Avenue

Following an email from Jas Athwal (MP for Ilford South), I can confirm that these proposals are currently on hold. No further action is being taken until a new policy reviewing parking around schools has been completed. Redbridge Council



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will consult directly with ATAM Academy when looking at any further proposals in this location and will fully consider the impact of the proposals together with possible mitigation measures for the school.

Nonetheless, to ensure the safety of all ATAM families and to maintain good relations with our neighbours, I kindly request your cooperation in adhering to the following guidelines:

1. Avoid parking across dropped kerbs to driveways
2. Steer clear of fully blocking the pavement
3. Be considerate to everyone that has access to shared driveways
4. Remember when you are parking, that large emergency vehicles may need access to the street where you are parking – do not block their access
5. Do not always expect to be able to park immediately outside the school
6. Do not park on double or single yellow lines
7. Consider neighbours who may have specific needs, for example respect disability parking bays.
8. Be Courteous and Patient

I understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, however a little patience and consideration go a long way in maintaining a positive atmosphere for everyone.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kindest regards,

Mr. C. Steed

Principal



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