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Dear Parent,

As I am sure you are aware this Friday marks the next nationwide student climate protest; this coincides with the UN Climate Summit in New York. We at Oakfield Academy are fully behind the ideals and reasons for any climate protests (although we are not able to authorise absence from school to attend!); this is perhaps the most important issue of our time and we want to assure parents that we address it throughout a pupils' time at Oakfield. The fact that climate change has been an outcome of previous generational decisions cannot be ignored and it is only morally correct that we deliver to our pupils the key information that will help us all make better, and more sustainable, decisions and choices for their futures.

We are committed as a school to ensuring our pupils are educated about environmental issues. We are also taking steps as an organisation to become more environmentally aware by reducing our use of paper and finding new ways to recycle for example.

A wide variety of opportunities are provided across the Academy to study the impact of climate change in Geography lessons, PSHE lessons and through enrichment opportunities and visiting speakers. Underpinning all of this is our Infinity curriculum with its core concepts; Ambition, Oracy, Etiquette, Integrity, Morals&Ethics and Pride. Over the past academic year we have had a number of speakers in to talk to pupils regarding issues of climate change and sustainability and plans are already in place to increase this to augment our PSHE curriculum. We have also signed up to 'Energy Sparks' to support our newly created pupil-led climate group that will be starting shortly.

To read more about our curriculum offer do please use the link below. http://www.oakfieldacademy.co.uk/our-academy/curriculum/

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this email, underneath is also a link to a Parliamentary Petition that calls upon the government to take into account the voices of the under 18s when making decisions regarding climate change.

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/272167

Many thanks,

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