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Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you in good health and feeling somewhat more spirited as we leave the Winter months and head into Spring.

### **Covid-19 outbreak**

Firstly, may we apologise for the inconvenience caused by the current Covid-19 outbreak in school and thank you all for your support as we continue to battle through to the end of term. In total, 18 members of staff tested positive which obviously impacted greatly on our ability to remain open. Unfortunately, closure was unavoidable on Monday and Tuesday, however, by Wednesday, a sufficient number of staff were able to return to work which allowed us to welcome back our year 11 students at what is a very important time for them. We are sorry that we have been unable to extend this to other year groups and hope that all our students are managing to access and complete the remote learning available on our Teams platform.

### **Year 11 summer exams**

The national plan is still for the exams to take place and as such we have shared with all our year 11 families/carers details about their child's exam entries. If you have not yet received this information or have any questions please contact the school office.

The link below takes you to a letter from Jo Saxton, Ofqual's Chief Regulator, and explains the current approach to the summer exams and will answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please do take time out to read it. Letter to students - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

### **Parental Engagement**

#### ***Headteacher 'drop in' sessions***



Please continue to 'pop in' to school on Headteacher 'drop in' days to discuss any issues and thoughts you may have in terms of how we can work together to improve outcomes for our young people.

### ***Parent/family programme***

We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents/guardians who completed the recently circulated Parent Programme questionnaire as it has enabled us to compile a programme of activities for the summer term. In brief the programme of activities looks a little like this:

#### ***Tuesday afternoons – 3.30pm – 5.00pm.***

**3rd May** Arts and Crafts, Family activities, SEND, Safeguarding and Literacy/Numeracy.

**17th May** Arts and Crafts, Family activities, careers and Literacy/Numeracy.

**7th June** Arts and Crafts, Family activities, SEND Safeguarding and Literacy/Numeracy.

**21st June** Arts and Crafts, Family activities, careers and Literacy/Numeracy.

**4th July** Arts and Crafts, Family activities.

A letter offering a little more detail about the programme will be issued upon our return after the Easter break, but in the meantime please make a note of the dates as we are hoping to meet with as many parents, guardians and family members as possible.

### **Uniform**

Over the last couple of weeks, we have noticed a significant deterioration in uniform standards. We would like to remind all our families/carers of the high expectations we have in this area and ask for your full support in helping to uphold these standards. Please try to ensure that your child attends school in black shoes/trainers only, black trousers or grey/black skirt and tights/socks. Students should not be attending in tracksuit bottoms, leggings or hooded tops. We really do not want to have to start applying sanctions for coming to school inappropriately dressed, but for some students who constantly flout uniform rules we may, unfortunately, have to start doing this.

### **Termly Newsletter**

Unfortunately, we have not managed to complete our termly newsletter but hope to circulate this in the new term.

Finally, can we remind you that we finish for the Easter break this Friday at the normal time of 2.15pm and reopen at 8.30am on Wednesday 20th April, Tuesday 19th April being an INSET day for staff.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Easter break.

Best wishes,

The Staff at Oswaldtwistle.