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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we fast approach the end of term, we would like to update you on a couple of school related matters and share with you our festive arrangements for next week, along with school closure and re-opening details.

Class Charts – Parental access

Class Charts is the information platform we use to log and monitor student behaviour and was purchased with parents/carers in mind. By entering a bespoke username and password you will be able to access your child's behaviour profile on a daily basis which will enable you to keep in touch with their performance at school. The necessary login details for your child's profile are attached to this email. If you have any difficulty accessing the platform please do get in touch.

Safeguarding support and advice for the holiday period

At the Oswaldtwistle School, the wellbeing and safety of our young people is paramount. We recognise our duty to ensure arrangements are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a pupil from our school, please email amanda.corns@oswaldtwistle.org.

There are numerous support networks available over the festive period.

- The NSPCC are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on 0800 1111
- ThinkUKnow
- Safer Internet Centre
- Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258



- Anna Freud Crisis Messenger – If you need support, you can text AFC to 85258. A free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for anyone who is feeling overwhelmed or is struggling to cope.
- Educateagainsthate provides practical advice and support on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation
- Internet Matters provide age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls, and practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents – This is the Children's Commissioner's parental guide on talking to their children about online sexual harassment.
- Anti-Bullying Alliance – Detailed information for anyone being bullied, along with advice for parents and schools. Signposts to various helplines and websites for further support.
- Local children social care: If you think a child or young person is at risk or being abused or neglected, contact the children's social care team at their local council. If you do not know where they live, contact your local council's team, the NSPCC or the Police for advice.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any assistance with your safeguarding needs.

Free school meal vouchers

If you are in receipt of free school meals you should also find attached your vouchers. If for some reason they are not attached, again please get in touch.

Christmas activities and closure/re-opening details

Our end of term reward trip to Laser Quest Trafford centre will take place on Tuesday 17th December, with free places being offered to the top performing students in regard to behaviour and attendance.

Christmas dinner will be served to students, staff and guests on Tuesday 10th December which will double up as our Christmas jumper day. Our Autumn term rewards assembly is set to take place on the morning of Friday 13th December which will see us celebrating the many successes of our students.

Finally, on Wednesday 18th December a Christmas interform challenge will take place in the morning followed by hot chocolate for all, courtesy of the Ninja Coffee Company. Following these activities, we will head to the canteen where students will be served with a light lunch. The school will close shortly after, at 12 noon, for our Christmas break.

In regards to the earlier finish, all taxis will be rescheduled accordingly. If this causes you any difficulties please do let us know as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be put in place to support your needs.

In the New Year, school will reopen to students at the normal time on Monday 6th January.

In closing, may we thank you once again for your ongoing support and wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

Kind regards,

Staff at Oswaldtwistle School