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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, it is time, once again, to update you on all matters of relevance, along with our end of term arrangements and those for the start of the new 2024/5 academic year.

### Staffing Updates

This summer we say goodbye to our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Paul Bridge, who is retiring following nine, dedicated years of service to the school community. We would like to thank Mr Bridge for his support and leadership over the years and wish him well in retirement.

Also Leaving us this summer is one of our higher-level TA Anona Summerscales, who has assumed many different roles over the years, most recent role being Lead of Medical.

We wish her all the best for the future.

In response to Mr Bridge's departure, Ms Alison Ashton has been appointed to the role of Deputy Headteacher and Mr James Doran has been appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher for Curriculum and Whole School Performance. Furthermore, in line with the Government's vision for SEND and Alternative Provision, Mrs Leesa Amin Yasin has been appointed to the newly emerging role of Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development, Support and Intervention.



### **End of year activities and arrangements**

Our annual reward trip to Blackpool was enjoyed by a large number of staff and students on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July which was followed by a very successful trip to Lancaster Castle on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Our end of year celebration assembly is scheduled to take place on the morning of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July which will be followed by an early lunch and school closure at 12.30pm. Please note that all taxis will be rescheduled to collect students at 12.30pm.

### **Re-opening of school - Autumn Term 2024**

School will open to students on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September following a staff INSET day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Taxis will be scheduled to collect students as normal on this day.

### **Uniform expectations**

Upon your child's return to school please can we ask that you ensure he/she attends appropriately dressed with black shoes, black or grey knee length skirt or black trousers, white shirt and tie. We would like to emphasize that tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not permitted, as neither are skirts and trousers made of black stretch material.

Furthermore, as a short stay, intervention school, one of our core objectives is to support students to successfully return to mainstream education. As such we have decided to fall in line with mainstream expectations regarding hairstyles, jewellery and make-up, so to make the transition process easier for our students. This will mean that upon our return in September, students will be expected to comply with the following:

- Students will be permitted 1 plain stud in each ear lobe only. Bracelets, chains and facial piercings of any kind (e.g. lip/nose/tongue/eyelid etc) will not be permitted
- Hairstyles need to be sensible. This means no lines shaved into hair, 'pattern cuts', shaved, or excessively coloured hair (natural colour only).
- Students must not wear any item of clothing that displays offensive or inappropriate imagery or language.
- Students will not be permitted to wear make-up, false-tan, nail varnish, nail extensions or fake eye lashes.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers.**

If you are entitled to Free School Vouchers for the summer holiday this will be sent out by the end of 18.07.2024. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the vouchers.

Please can we ask that you support us in our efforts to secure these expectations by discussing the above with your child in advance of their return to school in September.

In closing may we thank you for your ongoing support, and offer our best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards,

The staff at Oswaldtwistle School