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Dear Parents/Carers,

We trust you are all well and enjoying the glorious weather. As the academic year draws to a close, it's time, once again, to write to you with an update regarding forthcoming events. However, before we do this, we would like to share with you the great news that we have recently been awarded **Fair Aware School** status and **Rights Respecting Schools** status (bronze). We are extremely proud of these achievements and would like to thank all our students for working hard to secure them, especially those members of the Student Council who have been central to the process. Well done everyone.

Uniform

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your support regarding our new school uniform. A large majority of students are now wearing it and look incredibly smart and seemingly proud, which is lovely to see. Can we remind the small minority of parents/carers who are yet to purchase the new uniform that it is compulsory as of September. Whilst on the matter of uniforms we must emphasize that tracksuit bottoms and leggings are not permitted, neither are skirts and trousers made of black stretch material.

E- cigarettes

Please can we emphasize that e- cigarettes should not be brought in to school and if seen, will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/carer if they come into school to collect it. This is in line with LCC guidelines and the stance adopted by schools generally.

Parent Governor

We are currently seeking to recruit a parent governor to join our Management Committee and would like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping to secure the best possible outcomes for all the young people who attend Oswaldtwistle school. If you would like discuss this role in more detail please contact the school



for further information.

Free school meal vouchers

Vouchers will be sent to the parent/carers of those students who receive free school meals before we break for the summer. If you are normally in receipt of these vouchers and have not received them by Thursday 21st July please contact the school office.

Summer term activities/events

Unfortunately, we have not managed to compile a newsletter this term but would encourage you all to review our twitter feed which details all of our daily/weekly events in some detail.

ParentPay

As a school, we have decided to invest in ParentPay, which is a cashless system that allows parents to pay for their child's school lunches, trips and other activities without the exchange of physical money. You may be familiar with this system as it is widely used across a lot of schools. You should have already received an activation letter in relation to this new platform, however, if by any chance you haven't please contact the school office.

InVentry – new signing in system

We also hope to have a new electronic visitor management system up and running for September, which will help increase the security of the building and allow us to track exactly who is on site.

End of year arrangements

We will be celebrating the achievements of our students in an end of year celebration assembly on the morning of Friday 22nd 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 2020

School will open to students on Monday 5th September following 2 INSET days for staff on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September. Taxis will be scheduled to collect students as normal, on this day.

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

Kind regards,
The Staff at The Oswaldtwistle School.