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Covid update:

I am pleased to report that there have been no positive cases this week. As you are aware Salford has been identified as having the 7th highest number of cases nationally and as a result we will be returning to on-site Lateral Flow Testing from Wednesday 23rd June. A consent form will be provided on Monday and must be signed and returned for your child to have a test. Please also see the additional letter from Salford City Council via the link below

<https://www.oasisacademymediacityuk.org/uploaded/personal/3040/SSC Letter to parents 16 June 21.pdf>

Road Safety:

I am sure you are aware of the terrible Road Traffic Accident that happened yesterday on Trafford Road. This has highlighted once again the importance of Road Safety awareness which we regularly discuss with all students through assemblies and PSHE lessons. I also wanted to reassure you that I have been in regular communication with the Local Authority for a number of years highlighting this issue and have again written to them today to discuss further measures that I believe should be in place.

In support of this can I

also remind all parents and carers not to park on the yellow lines of King William Street or park on the pavement of Trafford Road and Broadway at the end of the school day. Both roads are very busy and need to be kept clear to ensure a safe exit from school.

Horizons:

We have started to distribute IPADs this week which have been fantastically received by students. Please remember home/academy agreements must be signed before IPADs can be given out.

Parental Survey update:

Firstly, thank you to all parents who completed the recent parental survey, it is important to us to gain the thoughts and feelings of all students, parents and carers so that we can constantly improve what we offer. Each term we send out a questionnaire and the responses from this are shared with the Academy Leadership Team and Principal to look at improvements we can make and next steps. The most recent survey contained so many positive and wonderful comments about the work the academy has done throughout the pandemic, and we are truly grateful to hear this. There were also some comments suggesting improvements we can make so please see the summary below of steps we have taken so far.

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| "More after school activities" | We have put in place a full after-school activities timetable. This is shared with students in assembly and is displayed around the academy. As restrictions lessen, we will look to offer more clubs and activities for students. This can be found on our website. |
| "More meetings with parents" | We have put in place a COVID secure approach to parental evenings so that you can still speak with your child's teachers. We have two timetabled in for this half term. You will also receive an end of year report in July so you are fully up to date with your child's progress. |
| "School lunches quite slow". | Through meetings with our catering contractors Sodexo, we have made many changes to lunch time including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Menus shared with students to allow food selection to be quicker.- Videos explaining how to collect lunch.- Staggered collection of lunch to reduce waiting time.- More selections available including some 'grab and go' options.- Increased staffing on busier lunch periods. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved year 8 to a larger space to eat their lunch. This has meant that lunch is distributed much quicker. - Doubled serveries to allow quicker service. <p>We will continue to work with Sodexo to improve this service, including sharing your comments.</p> |
| “IT lessons are mainly theory and not practical”. | <p>We have now ensured that all classes access the computer room for their IT lessons, this has been taking place over the last seven weeks - we were initially unable to do this as it meant crossing year group bubbles due to Covid restrictions.</p> <p>We are also in the process of distributing iPads to all students so that they can learn. Click here to see how we are supporting our students to learn in a new and exciting way.</p> |
| “A consistent behaviour reward system. After the year everyone has had, hard work and good behaviour should be encouraged and rewarded”. | <p>Since returning to school we have continued with our lesson rewards system. Since February we have given out over 101,736 positive points and this includes praise postcards. We have resumed Principal’s Tea and are hoping to plan an external rewards trip for students at the end of the academic year.</p> |
| “Have an education psychologist in place for the students suffering with their mental health”. | <p>We currently have access to an Educational Psychologist to diagnose and support our high need students. This is in addition to having two trained counsellors, mentoring support as well as supported provided by our Pastoral Leaders. Furthermore, time is dedicated during lessons and PSHE sessions focussing upon maintaining positive mental well-being. We also ask all students to rate their well-being via the half termly questionnaire – responses are then picked up by the Pastoral Team to provide support. Our staff have been on extensive training to learn how to support young people through the pandemic, some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counselling - Bereavement - Counselling - Re-socialisation. - Dealing with trauma |
| “Can my child have a form tutor?” | <p>Unfortunately, due to utilising time in the morning to ensure that all students wash their hands we have not had a designated form tutor. However, students have daily Tutor Time with a member of staff each morning focussing upon attendance, PSHE and rewards. In addition, a weekly PSHE lesson and assembly is held. Students are made regularly about who they can speak to if they have a concern.</p> |
| “My Child at School app could be utilised more (for instance for reports, events, clubs)” | <p>We are currently in the process of ensuring all families are online with My Child at School. If you are not currently using MCAS then please click here for joining details. From September we will be using additional functions of which you will be updated on.</p> |
| “I’m sure the staff need a bit of encouragement too. Maybe pupils can nominate their teachers for awards?” | <p>Last half term students we able to ‘thank a teacher’, we will be running this again this half term in addition to a student version.</p> |

As always please do get in touch if you have any concerns and thank you for your support

Best Wishes

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