

ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



18th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below this week's notices:

Parents' Forum - 29th June, 6.30pm

A reminder that the topics for discussion will include the following:

- Parents' consultations: virtual v face to face
- Academy Improvement Plan: perspective of a parent's journey through the academy
- More Able provision

I look forward to having as many of you as possible joining the meeting, which will be virtual on Teams. The link to the meeting is here. You can also click straight on the link on the website.

Community Day – Space 180 social action project – Saturday 26th June

I am excited to share that on Monday, the outdoor classroom will be installed in the Space 180 area which will then be used school wide.

The following works, which have been heavily disrupted since the pandemic began, now need to be undertaken and we will be holding a community day next Saturday.

On this day we need all hands on deck to help with the following:

- clear the inside of the tunnel and weed
- re-lay the weed suppressant membrane on the right hand side of the area
- put down more wood chip on the left hand side of the area
- move the tyres into position and fill with soil (kindly donated by the Woodhorn Group)
- position raised beds and fill
- erect green wall frames (to be constructed from timber and chicken wire), between two trees
- start digging pond

Are you willing to help with any of the above tasks on 26th June? If so, please click https://forms.office.com/r/weXZkKYq6T to sign up. A maximum of 30 people can attend to ensure we adhere to government guidelines, so we respectfully ask only people who can 'get stuck in' to sign up. The day is divided into two sessions; willing helpers are invited to sign up for one or both. Many thanks in advance for your support of this project.

Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccination

On Friday 25th June, Year 9 students will be having the Teenage Booster vaccination. If you have not already returned the form providing or declining consent, please do so as soon as possible. Any queries, please contact ehl@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Covid-19 Update

I have received a notification from West Sussex that the county is seeing an increase in the number of positive Covid-19 cases, in most age groups and all local areas; an increase of 101 cases compared to the previous week.

The message from Paul Wagstaff, Director of Education & Skills emphasises the need for Covid protocols to be maintained with rigour. As we are reminded regularly by the government, everyone should continue to follow the sensible measures in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, such as handwashing, physically distancing, wearing face coverings, fresh air and getting regularly tested.

Due to the growing prevalence of the Delta variant, Public Health England South East is now recommending that close contacts of PCR positive individuals in schools and colleges take a PCR test through NHS Test and Trace which may further help identify positive cases, including the variant. I would, of course, inform you of a positive case in the academy, as I undertook to do at the start of the pandemic.

Yours faithfully

Paul Slaughter **Principal**