



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Please find below this week's notices:

Important: Stranger Danger

We have been informed of an incident that occurred in Church Lane at approximately 8.15am yesterday morning. A primary school pupil reported that they were stopped by two men in a small white van and asked to get into the van. The van approached Church Lane from Barnham Road and was travelling towards Eastergate school. Thankfully the pupil was not physically harmed and information about the incident has been passed to Sussex Police. Please talk to your child about 'stranger danger' and walking or cycling to school with a friend where possible. Should you have any information regarding this or any similar incidents, please report them to the academy and police.

Laptop Loan Scheme – Collection of Devices, Dyna books and GeoBooks

On Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st July before roll call we will have a laptop collection point in the Gate Theatre accessible from the doors onto the car park. Could all students who have been loaned a device for use at home please return it on these dates including the bag and any other additional devices loaned.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Aldred on gad@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Year 7 Instruments

We have a number of musical instruments which are outstanding, and need to be returned by the end of the academic year. These are individually numbered. Where parents have been contacted please can these instruments be located and returned, especially if students reside in different households at different times. These instruments will need to be cleaned and serviced before September.

If you have a query or are unable to locate the instrument your child was allocated, please contact Mr Munt on dmt@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk as soon as possible.

Year 10 Virtual Work Experience

This year, Year 10's Careers focus has been on one-to-one action planning and gaining experience of the work place. Almost all students have now had a 1 one 1 careers interview with our Careers Advisor, Mel Ponterosso, and she has emailed action plans for them to work with.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we've not been able to offer students a traditional work experience week. We have, however, partnered with OAT Futures and Hello Futures to offer excellent sessions linking to experiences of the workplace and essential working skills. Students will receive work-packs to go with each session.

For more information, please watch this video presentation:

<https://www.loom.com/share/7fb16cf59ffb47ca8b1ea56aebc0a26d>

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Free School Meal Summer Break Arrangements

FSM eligible families will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per child per week to cover the six-week school summer holiday period. The academy will purchase the vouchers and eligible families will receive a £30 voucher per eligible child every two weeks over the six-week period. Year 11 students who were eligible at the time of leaving in June will also receive them.

If you have any queries, or if you do not currently receive FSM and believe you are eligible, please contact Ethan Burge on ebe@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Covid-19 update

We have received the following message from West Sussex County Council:

As the number of positive Covid-19 cases continues to rise across the county it remains important that we all continue to follow the Government guidance and help prevent the spread of the virus. Washing hands, physically distancing, wearing face coverings, letting fresh air in, vaccinations and testing are still relevant in combating coronavirus. You can remind yourself of the current rules and restrictions on the GOV.UK website.

Regular testing can identify Covid-19 where symptoms are not present and help protect yourself and others. Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting to order packs of free rapid lateral flow test kits. Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate immediately and book a free PCR test here or call 119.

Updates to guidance ahead of Step 4 of the roadmap

New guidance has been published by the Department for Education ahead of Step 4, covering both the summer period and the following term, when children will return to school:

Rapid asymptomatic testing in secondary schools – September 2021

Following the announcements on Step 4, secondary schools are asked to test all students at an on-site asymptomatic test site (ATS) on return following the summer holidays. This approach is based on the latest public health advice and will help us break chains of transmission in education settings after the summer holidays when students may have been mixing with lots of people. Students will have two on-site tests, the first being on their first day in school (see dates below).

We are advised that consent obtained from parents and carers for the Spring term 2021 testing remains current and does not need therefore to be re-provided to us. Consent forms will be issued to Year 6 into Year 7 families in due course.

Following the two initial on-site tests, students should also continue twice-weekly testing at home for the remainder of the autumn term. All the education workforce should also continue to test – twice-weekly at home – on return in the autumn term. We will review the continued need for testing, based on public health advice at the end of September.

If you have any queries regarding the lateral flow testing, please contact Mrs Canadas on ccs@ormistonsixvillages.org.uk.

Hot Weather

With the weather forecast to remain hot and sunny next week, may I emphasise the importance of ensuring students are carrying water with them. You may wish to provide your child with sunscreen.

Key Dates

Due to the need to lateral flow test our students on entry to the academy in September, there will be a staggered return to school as follows:

Monday 6 th September	Year 7 only
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 7, 10 & 11
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 7, 9, 10 & 11
Thursday 9 th September	All year groups

Finally, please find below the term dates for next academic year.

Autumn term 2021	INSET days: Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September First day of term: Year 7 only: Monday 6 th September Year 7, 10 & 11 only: Tuesday 7 th September Year 7, 10, 11 & 9: Wednesday 8 th September All years: Thursday 9 th September Half term: Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October INSET Day: Monday 6th December Last day of term: Friday 17 th December
Winter break 2021-22	Monday 20 th December to Friday Monday 3 rd January
Spring term 2021	INSET Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022 First day of term: Wednesday 5 th January 2022 Half term: Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February INSET Day: Monday 28th February Last day of term: Friday 8 th April
Easter break 2021	Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April; Bank Holidays 15 th & 18 th April
Summer term 2021	First day of term: Monday 25 th April Bank Holiday: Monday 2 nd May Half term: Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June (BH 2 nd & 3 rd June) INSET Day: Monday 27th June Last day of term: Thursday 21 st July INSET day: Friday 22nd July

As the year draws to a close next year, may I remind parents that Thursday 22nd July is a normal school day with students finishing term at the usual time of 2.40pm. If your child tells you there's no point in coming in as they won't be learning anything.... this is not true!

We look forward to an enjoyable last week of term.

Yours faithfully



Paul Slaughter
Principal