

9th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey

We are writing to you with an important update regarding Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey.

Oasis Community Learning's (OCL) Board of Trustees, in mutual agreement with the Department for Education, has agreed to transfer Oasis Academy Isle of Sheppey to another trust. We will work with the DfE whilst they appoint a new trust and will ensure this process is managed as smoothly as possible for the benefit of the students we serve.

The decision to hand over the academy is one we have taken with a heavy heart. Despite the hard work of our staff and the significant investment and new processes that have been introduced at the school, we are sorry that we have not been able to successfully deliver the exceptional education environment that our young people deserve.

Our priorities remain the young people and the wider academy community we are proud to serve, and we are committed to supporting the students to achieve their best and to make great progress. The academy's staff and the wider Oasis team continue to work hard to deliver our improvement plans.

What will happen next?

The DfE will decide which trust the Academy will join, and when this will take place.

It is the DfE's intention to appoint a new trust as soon as possible and for the formal process of transferring to begin. We will of course keep you updated.

Please rest assured we will ensure that this news does not disrupt the day to day running of the school, and all lessons and wider activities at school will continue as normal.

Executive Principal Mr Booth and the wider senior leadership team continue to lead the school and deliver our improvement plans so the school is in a strong position when it moves to a new trust.

Once the new trust has been chosen, our academy staff team will join them in new roles, and we will be supporting them with this process.

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Whilst we are extremely disappointed by this outcome, OCL remains deeply committed to the Isle of Sheppey and to the entire school community. We will work closely with the DfE and the new sponsor to make this process as positive and successful as possible.

The Oasis Charitable Trust plans to continue its collaboration with local partners to provide youth and community work beyond the transfer.

Questions

We do understand that this news may be unsettling, and therefore we want to try and answer your questions as best we can.

We will be holding a parent briefing after half-term on **Tuesday, 21st February** at **6.00 pm** at the **Minster** campus, otherwise you can contact Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org and we will try and answer any queries as best we can at this stage.

There will of course be much more information to share once the new trust has been appointed, and we will be in touch again with any updates.

Yours sincerely,



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