



17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I would like to say thank you for the way in which you have supported me as Executive Principal during my first full academic term. It has been superb to meet so many of you and receive such a warm welcome and your support has been most encouraging as we move towards making the academy a very good school.

In order to improve the Academy, it will be vital we continue to support each other in setting and maintaining high expectations.

In our first term we have seen an improvement in appearance and uniform expectations being met.

As well as this we have seen punctuality improve and internal truancy decrease. Engagement in learning has been far more positive and students have been making all important progress. The recent mock examinations have been approached with seriousness and determination from most of the students.

Year 7 have settled very well on the Sheerness site and are beginning to understand our culture and what it means to be part of the Oasis Academy Sheppey family.

The many reward activities this week are a great showcase of just how many students we have who demonstrate the culture and values we have.

The academy has taken many small steps and we will continue to work tirelessly to improve the quality of the education provided for your son/daughter.

### **Horizons**

Every student should now have their own Ipad, this will become part of everyday equipment and must be charged and brought every day to the Academy. The students will be using these more and more as we integrate its use as learning tool when we return in January. If you have not yet signed for your son/daughter to have the Ipad, could you please do so here [https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/uploaded/Regional\\_pages/Oasis\\_Horizons/Oasis\\_Horizons\\_Home\\_Use\\_Agreement.pdf](https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/uploaded/Regional_pages/Oasis_Horizons/Oasis_Horizons_Home_Use_Agreement.pdf)

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### Equipment

It is a requirement for each student to be ready for learning, they must have a **fully equipped pencil case for every lesson**. The lack of equipment hampers the readiness for learning and I would ask that your son/daughter has a full pencil case on their return.

### Uniform and appearance

**Hoodies** of any kind are **not part of academy uniform** and will be confiscated to be taken home later that day and not to be brought back on academy site. Students obviously need to be kept warm and so should be provided with a black winter coat with a hood for weather protection.

Over the Christmas break, please do not allow your son/daughter to get any piercing: meaning that by doing so they break the academy expectations on piercings – please refer to our academy uniform section here [Uniform - \(oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org\)](http://oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org) – High Standards of Appearance.

### Covid

We are committed to making the academy safe. Whilst we will clearly be ready to respond to any new measures currently, we are being asked to remind families to continue LFT testing over the break in readiness for their return. We will be offering one LFT test for any student who has parent/carer permission and then continue to apply more tests to be completed at home. It is clearly still very important to maintain hand washing and sanitise.

### Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January

For your planning, please note on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the academy day will finish at 2.00 pm for staff training, with all students dismissed to make their journeys home from 2.00 pm. We have liaised with the local bus transport services to ensure bus times are adjusted and sufficient carriers are on each of the routes at this time.

I do hope you all have an enjoyable rest and celebration over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

We look forward to welcoming all students back on our return on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AS Booth'.

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