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OASIS ACADEMY ISLE OF SHEPPEY EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

PREPARING FOR THE TERM AHEAD

I am pleased to write to you again with a further update on developments within our academy. As we draw towards the half term break, we want to thank our academy families for your support over the last term, and we look forward to continuing our lines of communication in future months.

As we move fully into autumn and winter, we wish to remind all parents, carers and students to be mindful of colder weather and the need to wear **warm coats** and **full** academy uniform.



BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

You said: Your child/ren cannot learn in their lessons due to the disruptive behaviour of other students.

We listened: A new Sheppey Support System has been introduced for teachers to use in managing challenging behaviour. Disruptive students receive a verbal warning (S1), a negative behaviour point (S2) and then, if no improvement made, are removed from the lesson (S3).

You said: The increase in the cost of living means we cannot afford to buy shoes for school and trainers for home.

We listened: We have modified our uniform policy so students are now allowed to wear plain black trainers to school. Students can also wear long black socks (without ribbons, bows or frills).



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You said: Students do not get a choice in the rewards trips that are offered by the school.

We listened: A student voice survey was undertaken to offer a range of trips for this term and ask for suggestions for future trips.

You said: Students do not know who to speak to or where to report their concerns regarding safeguarding/bullying.

We listened: Introduced a range of QR codes for easy reporting. QR codes are visible all around the academy sites including the backs of toilet doors. We have sent a well-being survey to all students via email. Safeguarding resources (including QR codes) have also been emailed to all students.



SODEXO: UPCOMING CHANGES TO OUR PRE-PACKED FOOD

From 1 October 2021, all food outlets within England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales were legally required to provide a full ingredient list and highlight the 14 major allergen ingredients for PPDS food.

We are pleased to share that from 31st October 2022, we will adopt a “made in house” product range and install a new dedicated PPDS labelling process to support this.

The majority of changes will be made at an operational level. Students will notice changes to the pre packed food including new packaging and product labels which contain a full list of ingredients, highlighting the 14 major allergen ingredients.



The benefits of Sodexo's recipe management system include:

- Management of our recipes and production methods centrally via dedicated build cards;
- Provides end-to-end visibility of all ingredients in recipes so we can confidently manage the products served to students
- Mitigation of supply chain issues, including ingredient substitutions, ensuring no non-compliant ingredients are used
- An integrated labelling system.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and speak with our Sodexo Catering Lead, Mrs Cherry.

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CAN WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP?

In reminding your child/children the importance of placing litter into bins on journeys into and away from the academy site – additionally in respecting people's homes and property in not walking into driveways or gardens - being conscious of the activities students participate in as they make their journeys not being at the detriment of others.

We continue to receive feedback on litter and trespassing onto local residents' driveways and gardens. We try hard to work with our local residents to maintain a good relationship, and to respect our environment. Together, can we gently remind.

REMINDERS FOR THE TERM AHEAD

Parents' Forum – Tuesday, 18th October - 6.00-7.00 pm – Minster campus.

We would like as many parents and carers to join us. Please email Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org if you would like to attend.

Year 11 Information evening – Wednesday, 19th October - 5.30-6.30 pm – Minster campus.

Autumn term 2 starts Monday, 31st October, normal academy timings.



I will be in touch again shortly with more news about the academy. If you have feedback regarding any issues, I would like to hear from you. Please contact me via my PA, Jo Gass on Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org

Best wishes,

Mr Booth

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