



17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your support over the last two weeks. I very much have appreciated your feedback to date and together as we work in partnership the academy will be one of high expectations for your son/daughter to learn in.

We have seen a rapid improvement in uniform appearance and adherence, and we will continue having high expectations.

It is an expectation that students come to school ready to learn.

Technology:

As we begin our rollout of iPads through the Horizons project, we thank all parents and carers who have signed the Home User Agreements. If you have not done this yet, please check your inbox for an email from eSignature so you can sign this electronically. If you need this resent, please send an email with your child's full name and year group to Bryony.Green@oasisuk.org. It is essential a waterproof school bag of a reasonable size (A4) to keep the iPad stored during the school day. A school bag is also an essential part of school uniform to hold school essentials such as a full pencil case, books and water.

Punctuality

Punctuality is very important. Students will be expected to be within the green school gate by **8:25 am** giving them sufficient time to get to the first morning session at 8:30 am. If students arrive after this point, they will be marked late and will complete a detention of 30 minutes the next day. Exception to this **will only** be made if parents /carers message or email their child's Head of Year. Clearly if local traffic incidents or buses are a reason, we will make that change.

Safeguarding, Health and Safety

From Monday 27th September, we will be introducing a new vehicle access with next week being a trial and reminder week for parents and carers to get used to new arrangements.

The large green automatic gates will remain closed from 8.00am until 15:00.

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Parents/Carers collecting or dropping off students at the **Minster** campus will need to use the lower car park or drop off area. If you have an appointment or are collecting a student, then press the intercom on the green access gate whereby you will “buzzed” through to walk to main reception where staff will be able to help.

Parents/Carers collecting or dropping off students at the **Sheerness** campus will need to use the drop off areas around the turning circle in the access road directly outside the main academy site. If you have an appointment or are collecting a student, please use the intercom on the main pedestrian access gate, whereby you will “buzzed” through to walk to main reception where staff will be able to help.

For students with long/short term medical or disability reason, we will need to know which campus you require access to, your named driver car registration and reason for the need to drive up as near to reception. Please email these to Jo.gass@oasisisleofsheppey.org.

Politeness and conduct

One of our Sheppey Values is Politeness. Please can I ask all parents /carers are polite when speaking with our staff in reception. Unfortunately, there have been a number of instances where parents have been rude and verbally aggressive towards staff members. This is not tolerated and not a culture that is conducive in a school setting.

Mobile phones

As you are aware mobile phones are not to be seen or heard. If they are seen or heard on or off they will be confiscated and only returned to a parent or carer named on the student's profile, and not to the student. Please can I ask you discuss and support us with this and make sure your son/daughter have their phones switched off and are kept in their blazer pocket or bag for safekeeping throughout the academy day. The academy will not take responsibility of loss or theft of a mobile phone.

After such a long period of being unsettled, students are settling in well to learning and forming good routines once again. I am pleased staff are offering opportunities in clubs, with educational visits beginning to take momentum. It was great to see some of our Bridge students working with Challenger troop earlier this week. These students did the Academy proud with the leaders commenting on how well they conducted themselves.

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We also have a strong rewards culture developing with many students enjoying Doughnut Tuesday. Additionally, it has been wonderful to see how well our year 7 students have settled into the Sheerness site.

Have a restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A S Booth", is positioned above the printed name.

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