



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Dear parent / carer,

It's been an absolute pleasure to meet with so many families this week and show you, a small snapshot, of your child's daily experience at Oasis Academy Temple Quarter. As I've mentioned in almost every tour, great schools are built on great relationships, so please continue to communicate with us any feedback you may have.

Many of you have heard of our 9 habits within Oasis. Our primary focus this year will be how we can be joyful and hopeful. I can certainly say at the end of our first week, the secure start to our academic year and academy opening has made it very easy for me to feel joyful and hopeful about the potential of this academy community.

### **Year 7 Induction Evening – slide decks**

If you could not attend Thursday night, please find all slide decks in the latest news section of our academy website: <https://www.oasisacademytemplequarter.org/news-and-events/latest-news>

### **Oasis Academy Brislington Football Club**

Oasis Academy Brislington have offered our students the opportunity to attend their football club on Tuesday evenings. If you wish your child to attend, please ask them to speak with Mr Pease. The only caveat is that your child would miss the bus so would require picking up on a Tuesday evening at 4.30pm.

Please complete this permission form to attend: <https://forms.office.com/e/hnUzPAimrC>

### **iPads**

All iPads have been handed out though we are keeping them on site until the cases arrive. However, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, students will bring their iPad home for 1 evening so that their apps can install without the strain being placed on our limited wifi.

Our wifi is designed for usability, but with mass downloading of apps and the initial setup it will face bandwidth challenged.

Students must keep the iPads in the box during their commute to and from the Academy.

### **Uniform**

We will be contacting the parents / carers of all students who do not have the correct uniform to ensure we are tracking your orders. This week we have started to have repeat conversations around the following issues and will start sanctioning from Monday:

- Shirts must be tucked in before re-entering the building.
- No trainers on full uniform days.
- No hooded tops to be worn in the Academy, even on PE days.

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## Homework update

As previously mentioned, once the iPads can be taken home, we will launch Reading Plus as homework with all students. We will also now include a numeracy (Maths) aspect in the form of SPARX Maths.

Set: Wednesday each week

Deadline: Tuesday, those who have not completed it to attend Tuesday lunchtime homework club with Mr Pease and stay until they hit the 100% aim.

Aim: The software is designed to increase / decrease challenge based on a child's ability. 100% is achievable for every child. This is our expectation.

Device: Can be completed on the iPads or on mobile phones and laptops.

Communication: Parents / carers might get a few emails from the SPARX company in the first week of us launching, you are welcome to unsubscribe, but they will then only be emailed once per week with an update on their child's homework.

Opportunity for feedback: Please email [Toby.Pease@oasistemplequarter.org](mailto:Toby.Pease@oasistemplequarter.org)

## Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

Date for OATQ Students: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## Spread the word for us!

We know that to build community trust we need parent / carer ambassadors to spread the word about how we are doing. If you think we've made a great start and you're please with our direction of travel as an academy, please try to tell Year 6 parents / carers or your old primary school.

We are again at a disadvantage as we can't show prospective families a completed temporary site at Spring Street, but we are still on track for the January move. Your 'word of mouth' will always be one of our greatest assets.

## Question for dinner time

If / when you are sat with your child this weekend, perhaps around the dinner table, discuss this question based on the habit of being joyful.

**Is there someone that you really enjoyed being with today?**

**What difference did they make to your life?**

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If you have any questions following this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@oasistemplequarter.org](mailto:info@oasistemplequarter.org).

Kind regards,

Richard James

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