



Monday, 06 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Oasis Academy Lister Park after the summer break, and in particular to our new Year 7 families.

The past two years have been difficult for everyone, and the education sector has been through a time of turmoil like never before. I want to assure you, as the Principal at Oasis Academy Lister Park, your child's education and future is at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make.

When the students return back to the academy on Wednesday or Thursday, they will all be provided with a school rucksack, a pencil case, an iPad and their timetable. These resources will be part of their compulsory equipment and they must bring them to school every day.

As you know, our school day now finishes at 3:00pm. This is to allow extra teaching time and to support us in recovering from the impact that covid may have had on your child's learning.

I would like to share with you two changes to the school day that will provide an opportunity to focus on the skills, attitudes, and beliefs to which our students will approach their learning. These will strive to transform their ability to access, retain and use their learning so that they achieve well and become successful adults:

1. All students will attend a Year Group Meeting every day from 8:30-9:00am. This will be led by a Senior Leader and must be attended every day by every student. During these meetings students will be taught specific skills such as those which teach a young person how to persevere and work to achieve, and how to bounce back if faced with failure. Students will be taught about the power of believing they can improve by adopting a growth mindset.
2. Every day, students will have a 30-minute reading lesson. This will be known as PARQ time (Pause and Read Quietly). During this time students will develop their reading and literacy skills whilst also widening their knowledge of the world through fiction and non-fiction resources. All the books the students will read have been carefully selected and are age and stage appropriate. During this time some students will receive 1:1 reading support depending on their individual needs.

As a parent or carer, you have a legal duty to ensure that your child attends school every day. Please can I ask you as parents to support us in giving your child the best possible education they deserve by making sure they are never absent from school. Students who miss school do not achieve the GCSE or exam results they should because the exams are based on work covered in every lesson.

For further information about the academy, please visit our website on [www.oasislisterpark.org](http://www.oasislisterpark.org) or contact the academy on 01274 362050 and ask to speak to their Head of Year.

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Once again, I welcome your families back after this summer break and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a rich education which leads to a happy, healthy, and successful life.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Siân Dover

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Siân Dover".

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