



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Carers

3rd January 2024

We look forward to welcoming **all students back to the academy tomorrow (Thursday 4th January 2024)**.

Breakfast Club begins as usual at 7.45am and those not attending this should be at the academy for the first bell at 8.35am.

Remember every day of attendance counts and it is essential that all children attend the two days of education available this week. We want all students to begin the term with the aim of improving their attendance, accessing attendance rewards and ideally reaching 100%. We know that getting back into a routine can be hard and you can support your child by ensuring that their uniform is ready for tomorrow morning, they have their five a day ready and in their school bag and that they get a good night's sleep tonight. Remember to set an alarm for the morning!

Please also be reminded that usual rules regarding piercings, jewellery and hair colour apply (all of this can be found on our website [here](#)) and use today as an opportunity to ensure your child is ready for their return to the academy.

From tomorrow, most corridors of our school will become a one-way system. We will be talking and walking this through with all children during their assemblies tomorrow. This has been introduced as a result of listening to student feedback with regards to feeling safe when walking around our school and we hope all students will demonstrate respect by following this new procedure.

Towards the end of last term, we produced our Discover Denes Magazine for Autumn Term 2023 and published it on our website. If you have not had an opportunity to take a look at this yet, it can be found [here](#). We have also updated our Denes Directory, which provides parents and carers with direct contact details for key staff. This can be found on our website [here](#).

We hope that all students and their families have had a lovely festive break but know that not everyone will have been as fortunate. If any circumstances in your home have changed over the holidays that are likely to have affected your child, please get in touch with the Year Team or the Safeguarding Team so that we can help your child access lessons successfully.

We also know that the cost of living crisis has not gone away and that children may need essential uniform items replacing. Whilst we have some items available to loan (including shoes which are sanitised daily) and pre loved uniform donations that can support some students, there are external organisations that can help you too including the Lowestoft Uniform Bank <https://www.facebook.com/LowestoftUniformBank/>. If you are in the process of obtaining new uniform, please contact your child's year team so we can support with loaned items for an agreed period of time.

We only have the pleasure of your child's company for 6-7 hours a day, 38 weeks a year. We know the important role that you as parents and careers play in making sure your child is ready, responsible and respectful every single day and look forward to working with you to ensure your child is successful in the next term.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Williams', written in a cursive style.

Kate Williams

Principal