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Dear Parents/Carers

We were all really delighted to welcome back your children to the start of another exciting year at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy yesterday and they all had a very successful first day! We have started the new school year with a focus on developing self-awareness, encouraging the children to think about their special qualities and talents and the areas that they would like to develop throughout the year.

### **Dressed for Success!**

It was lovely to see the children returning to the academy looking so smartly presented in their uniforms and would like to thank parents and carers for your support of our uniform policy. The children understand that wearing our uniforms is an important symbol of being part of our academy as it shows our collective pride in Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy and all that it stands for.

### **Academy Refurbishment Programme**

The children were delighted to see that many areas of the academy have undergone extensive refurbishment during the summer holiday. This includes a complete refurbishment of the kitchen area, decoration of several classroom areas and the creation of a new nursery provision, which we plan to open in January 2025. Further information about potential admissions to our new nursery will follow shortly. This will be a fantastic resource for the local community, and we look forward to sharing further details with you.

We are enormously grateful to our Site Team, who have worked so hard over the summer to make these improvements for the children and to Ormiston Academies Trust for their support.

### **Arrival and Collection**

Thank you for supporting our arrival and collection procedures to ensure the safety of our pupils. Pupils in Years 4,5 and 6 are now expected to come in independently in the mornings, making their way straight to their classrooms and will continue to be brought down for collection by teachers at the end of the school day. Pupils in Year 5 and 6, for whom we have received a completed permission slip only, will be able to walk home independently.

From Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, pupils in Year 3 will be able to be dropped off at the front gate and make their way straight to their classrooms please. We will have staff available on the playground to support the children as they do this. They will continue to be collected from teachers on the playground at the end of the school day.

Pupils in Reception and KS1 classes will continue to be dropped off and collected from their classroom areas as this week please. A reminder that pupils in Reception will be staying for lunch next week and will need collecting at 12.30pm.

### **Reading Cafes**

As stated in our July letter, we look forward to welcoming Parents and Carers to our Year group Reading Cafes over next two weeks.

Year 1 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2 – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3 – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 6 – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

All events will take place from 9.15am – 10am.

These will provide an opportunity for you to meet the staff team who will be supporting your child over the year ahead.

Each year group will also be issuing an additional information letter next week.

We will also be holding Parents' Evenings on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October, where you will be able to talk to your child's teacher/s about how they have settled into their new class and the progress that they are making.

### **Breakfast Club, Afterschool Care Club and Lunch Payments**

Places for our Breakfast and Afterschool care clubs are limited and are booking up quickly. All bookings for both clubs must be made in advance on Parentmail. Please contact the Academy office if you require a place for your child and they have not previously attended either club.

Please also be aware that payments will still need to be made for any day that a child is absent from the club unless they are unwell.

Our academy meals are provided by Edwards and Blake who are a catering company contracted by OAT. All school meals must be ordered using Parentmail, orders need to be placed by midnight on Thursday for the following week. Meals for children in Years 3 – 6 are charged at £2.45 which must be paid at time of ordering unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals.

If you feel your child is entitled to Free School Meals please see bullet point below.

### **Important Reminders**

- In accordance with the Highway Code, parents are politely reminded not to park on the grass verges or, wherever possible, not to drive down Order Avenue to support the safety of our pupils.

- Please ensure that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- If you have moved house or have a new telephone number, please inform the academy office of the change of details as soon as possible.
- Please also ensure that you inform the office of any changes to the arrangements made for collecting children – i.e. change of person.
- Universal Free School Meals apply to children in Years R,1 & 2 only. Parents of all children Years R-6 who feel they are entitled to Free School Meals need to complete the appropriate forms which are available from the Academy office or online through the Norfolk County Council website.
- Children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into the academy.
- Teachers are available for a brief chat at the end of the school day. If you would like to have a more in-depth discussion, appointments can also be made via the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs L Watkins  
Principal