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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another successful year at Oulder Hill, we would like to make you aware of a few things.

### **Arrangements for the Last Day of Term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The last day of this academic year is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We plan to use some of this day to celebrate with our Students at the end of an excellent year. As such the day will be a non-uniform day. We would like to ask for a voluntary 50p donation towards the day which will also guarantee entry for Students into the end of term show being produced by our Expressive Arts faculty. The day will finish at 1.00pm as per the calendar. For those Students who travel on the school bus service, it is important to note that the morning service into school will run as normal, however there will be no afternoon school bus service that day so alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child's safe journey home. Please note that it is our intention that all Students will be allowed to participate in the activities on the final day, however our Isolation Room will be operational and senior staff will be on duty so please ensure your child is aware that school rules will still apply fully on this day and provision will be made for anyone who contravenes these rules. We are looking forward to what should be an enjoyable day and a fitting way for Students and Staff to finish the year.

### **School Uniform**

Firstly may we take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our uniform policy again this year. Throughout the year we had many visitors to our school who comment on the excellent appearance and behaviour of our Students. With this in mind, could I also ask that you support us in maintaining those standards to the end of the academic year. School uniform rules will apply fully up to and including Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July (subject to Sports Day) and Students not in correct uniform will continue to be dealt with as per the school policy.

We would also like to draw your attention to the uniform rules for next academic year. Our uniform will remain the same next year, however we have clarified certain sections of our policy, particularly in respect of the type of trousers, skirts and shoes which we allow. Please take a moment to ensure you are fully aware of our uniform policy, this can be found on the school website under the Parents section and will also be included in the Information for Parents booklet which will be sent to you over the summer.

### **School Meals - Increase in Price of a Pupil Meal**

We have been informed by Rochdale Council that, under Council Policy, the charge of a standard school meal for pupils has been increased by five pence (5p) from £2.00 to £2.05 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016.

### **Redwood School Extension**

At the beginning of the next academic year, work commences on an extension to our co-located partner Redwood School. This will invariably mean there will be an increase in the amount of traffic coming on and off the school site for the duration of the work. We are working extremely closely with all stakeholders to ensure the work can be carried out without detriment to the safety and learning experience of our Students. However, with this work in mind, it is more important than ever that Parents/Carers abide by our traffic management guidelines on and around the school site and for the safety of everyone involved try to make arrangements to pick up your son/daughter a short

distance from the school site as opposed to entering the car park. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

### **Contacting the School during the Summer Holidays**

Whilst the school closes at 1.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, we understand that there may be some instances where Parents/Carers need to contact us. If you do need to get in touch, please use the school email address [schoolinfo@oulderhill-school.com](mailto:schoolinfo@oulderhill-school.com) or complete the online form on our website under the Contact Us section. Staff in school over the summer holidays will then endeavour to reply to you as soon as possible.

### **School Reopens – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

School reopens to Students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. That day will be our Reward Trip Day for Students who will be in Years 8-11 inclusive. Your son/daughter will already know what activity they will be doing that day. Please ensure they come prepared for their activity.

### **Thank You**

In closing we would like to thank all of our Students and their families for another very successful year at Oulder Hill. Working in partnership with you is one of the most vital elements in ensuring the future achievement of our young people. On behalf of all our Staff, our Governing Body and the Parent Forum, we would like to wish you all a happy, restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to continuing our journey together in September.

Yours sincerely,



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