



ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

3rd December 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

The recent weather has certainly made it feel like Christmas is on its way. We begin the start of our Christmas celebrations next week:

- Our **Christmas Dinner being served on Wednesday 8th December** for all students. We will be subsidising the cost and we sent the menu out on 26th November. Only Christmas dinner will be available during lunchtime on this day. Break service will be as normal.
- Staff and students are invited to a **Christmas sing along session** during break time on Friday 10th December for KS4, and Thursday 16th December for KS3.
- The whole school is invited to take part in the **National Save the Children Christmas Jumper day on Friday 10th December**; students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their trousers and/or skirt. Blazers are **not** required on this day. A collection box will go round all form rooms during the morning with a suggested donation of £1.00 from each student.

Friday 17th December is the students' last day of term and all children will be dismissed at the earlier time of 12.30pm. Food will be available at break time for students.

As a result of the pandemic Suffolk County Council has recently announced government funding called **The Discretionary Household Support Fund**, which will replace the free school meal vouchers. This fund is to be used to support those who are most in need of food, assistance with energy and water bills, or other essential costs. Families who are eligible for free school meals will still receive these new vouchers via Edenred to the value of £15.00 per week, per child.

Further to this, **Lowestoft F.I.S.H (Food In the School Holidays)** are providing FREE hot meals to families across Lowestoft again during the Christmas break. They provide a hot, 2 course meal for the whole family and not just the child. You will need to send a private message on this site [FISH](#) and you will be booked in.

Date and venues are as follows;

- Monday 20th December, lunch at Christ Church.
- Tuesday 21st December, lunch at Gunton.
- Wednesday 22nd December, Breakfast at Beresford.
- Wednesday 22nd December, Lunch at Pakefield.
- Thursday 23rd December, lunch at the Salvation Army.
- Wednesday 29th December, Breakfast at Beresford.

The breakfast sessions will be eat-in sessions from 9.30am – 11.00am.

The lunchtime sessions will be given a time slot between 12.00pm – 2.00pm to do crafts with the children inside the venue and to collect your food to take away.



The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) will be returning to school on 14th December. Attached is a letter containing further information and a link to the consent form that will need completing as soon as possible, even if you are not giving consent.

PSHE topics for next week are:

- Year 7 Careers - What does success look like for you?
- Year 8 Careers - What does success look like for you?
- Year 9 What does success look like for you?
- Year 10 Revisiting key concepts in the health unit.
- Year 11 Relationships - Sharing sexual images.

Monday 6th December will be the **last maths Period 6** session for selected students.

Thursday 9th December will be the **last English Period 6** session for selected students. These English sessions will commence again on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Yours faithfully

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

Kate Williams
Principal