



# ORMISTON DENES ACADEMY

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21st January 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for the positive feedback we received regarding the improved system for remote parents' evenings. Whilst we hope to physically be able to see you to celebrate your child's success soon, we are continuing to operate many additional Covid precautions as levels still remain high in the local area. Our **Year 9 Options/Parents Evening on 27th January** will therefore be remote. I have attached another copy of the parent guide for booking appointments [here](#). Please book your appointments for this at <https://ormistonden.es.schoolcloud.co.uk/> or get in touch if you need any further help with the new system.

Yesterday the prime minister announced changes to face coverings and guidance can be found [here](#). Please be aware we are awaiting updates from Suffolk Public Health who will advise us of any local restrictions still needed.

Holocaust Memorial Day will be observed on Thursday 27th January. Invited students will be watching a Holocaust survivor live broadcast and some of our student leadership will be accompanying Mrs Richings into town, where we shall lay a wreath as a part of the local service that will take place.

Our Year 9 students will be enjoying some bespoke PSHE lessons courtesy of Mr Darren McMorran from the University of East Anglia.

PSHE topics next week are;

- Year 7           What makes a good friend.
- Year 8           Sharing sexual images.
- Year 9           Sharing sexual images.
- Year 10          Sharing sexual images.
- Year 11          Alcohol and bad choices.

As part of our ongoing partnership with the Safer Schools App, we have been made aware of some harmful content on "Roblox". This has included young people receiving friend requests from strangers, as well as sexual content. Further details can be found [HERE](#).

The [SaferSchools](#) App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Search for SaferSchools in the App Store or Google Play and choose one of the following log in codes:

Student: 4898 Parent/Carer: 7675

Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer. We also have this information on our safeguarding page [HERE](#).

We are also aware of an increasing trend of young people using the "my eyes only" function on snapchat, where images are diverted to a separate folder for later use. To find out more about how to stay safe online, please click [HERE](#) and search for the snapchat links.



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There are some changes to the Ormiston Denes Community Sport Centre booking service. From February 1st all bookings for the community sports centre will need completing online via School Hire [here](#). Full details will be available on our website shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your support and kind words as we continue to face disruption due to Covid in school. Your words of thanks make a real difference to our staff who go above and beyond every day. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

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

Kate Williams  
Principal