



The Lowry Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

Weekly Parent Communications



Aspiration | Respect | Confidence | Creativity | Resilience



Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

Today we held a moving Remembrance Service, laying wreaths around our tree in honour of those who have served. It was a touching ceremony, and I'd like to thank all the students who performed or read poetry to mark this important commemoration. Last night we held our Y7 Parents' Settling in Evening and it was lovely to see so many parents attend.

Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week** at The Lowry Academy, and our focus is on one of our core values: Respect. From 11th to 15th November, we will host several activities to highlight the importance of respecting others and the positive impact it brings to our school community. Here's a look at what we have planned:

- **Assemblies:** Students will join assemblies that explore the impact of bullying, the value of respect, and the real-life consequences of harmful behaviors.
- **Poetry Competition:** Our English department invites students to express what Anti-Bullying means to them through poetry, celebrating creativity and empathy.
- **Poster Competition:** Students can design Anti-Bullying posters, with the winning design becoming part of our official campaign.
- **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:** Nine Year 10 students have trained as ambassadors and will actively work with peers, offering support throughout the year.
- **Drop-in Sessions:** Mr. Salmon and the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will host drop-in sessions during lunch and after school, providing a safe space for students to talk or seek advice.
- **Respect Notes:** During form time, students will have a chance to write notes of apology or appreciation, encouraging self-reflection and growth.
- **Odd Sock Day:** On Tuesday, 12th November, staff and students are encouraged to wear mismatched socks to celebrate diversity, individuality, and respect for one another. I have my odd socks ready for this!

We are proud to participate in Anti-Bullying Week, emphasising kindness, empathy, and respect.

Attendance Matters: I'm aware that we frequently talk to students and parents about the importance of attendance, it really is the number one factor in to a student's success. We set a high standard for attendance with a target of 97% for all students. Each week, students with 100% attendance receive a Golden Ticket during Form Time, which can be used at The Lowry Shop. Excellent attendance is a shared effort, and we're here to support families in meeting these goals. Please remember, our registers close at 9:00am, and arriving after this time results in a 'U' code, which counts as an unauthorized absence. Ten or more 'U' codes across the year may lead to a £120 penalty fine – which we hope to avoid. Look out for exciting attendance rewards this term—we'll share more details soon!

Mobile Phones: A reminder that mobile phones should not be seen or heard on school premises. Some students have recently used phones after 3pm whilst still in school, but there is no cut-off time for this rule. Any phone seen in school will be confiscated and held until a parent collects it. Thank you for your support with this.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Claire Coy





Content List

Date: Friday 8th November 2024

School Information	Year Group relevant to	Page Number
School Photographs	Year 7 and some Year 8	4
Lowry Line	All Families	5
Parent Sessions – Use of Vapes	All Families	6
Nurses in School – DTP/MenACWY Immunisations	Years 9	7-8
Transport to School	All Families	9
Upcoming Events	Year Group relevant to	Page Number
Dates for your Diary	Years 7 - 11	10



School Photographs

The school photographer was in school last week to take the Year 7 photographs along with any students from Year 8 who were not in school last year when photographs were being taken.

If your child was in school and had their photograph taken, they would have brought home their individual ticket with log on details to allow you to view the photograph on line with an option to purchase if you wish.

These are now ready to download.

Please visit [Bentley Photo](#) to view your child's photograph.

If you have any issues or have mislaid/lost your ticket, please contact Bentley customer support team via email at support@bentleyphoto.com

[Back to contents page](#)



Lowry Line Expectations

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you all for your continued support with the Lowry Line expectations. We are pleased to see a significant improvement in punctuality for both school and lessons.

As a reminder, mobile phones are not permitted for use within the school building. Any phones seen will be collected and held at the main reception, where they can be picked up at the end of the school day by an adult from home.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N Griffith
Vice Principal

[Back to contents page](#)

Aspiration | Respect | Confidence | Creativity | Resilience

Parent Sessions – Use of Vapes

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been asked by the Local Authority to share the following information with families regarding the use of vapes. Please see the details below:

Early Break are hosting two virtual sessions regarding unregulated vapes and harm reduction. If you would like to attend one of these sessions for more information, please find the links below:

Session 1 – 12th November at 5.45pm – 6.45pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 380 383 619 276

Passcode: jUHSzU

Session 2 – 4th December at 5.45pm – 6.45pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 360 839 218 031

Passcode: 7DFmm9



[Back to contents page](#)



School based Vaccination Programme

Dear Parent / Carer

We have been asked by the Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team to share the following information with families regarding the immunisations for Year 9 students on 27th January 2025:



3-in-1 Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningitis ACWY are usually offered to children in Yr 9 approx. age 13-14. The teenage booster, also known as the 3-in-1 or the Td/IPV vaccine, is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. The MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria – A, C, W and Y – which cause meningitis and blood poisoning (septicaemia).

The 0-19 Immunisations team alongside the school Nurses are working in partnership with your child's school to deliver these high school age vaccinations. These vaccinations are not routinely offered at GP practices. All Immunisations are extremely important and ensure that your child is protected later in life, the DTP and MenACWY vaccinations are given alongside each other and will be offered to your child, in school by nurses.

The school Nurses are now using an electronic platform for consenting and information delivery, which is a faster, more efficient and a safer way to deliver your child's health information back to the team.

STEP 1: FOLLOW LINK BELOW AND SELECT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

STEP 2: Please either register for an account if this is your first time using the Thomson parent portal or login if you have already created an account. If this is your first time registering, you will receive an email to confirm your account and set a password.

STEP 3: Once you login you can read the information on this year's DTP and MenACWY vaccination campaign and submit the form so that you can receive your electronic results letters. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the vaccination program, if you do not complete a form telling us YES or NO, we will not be able to vaccinate and protect your child.

The electronic consent form allows you to refuse these vaccinations for your child however, if you are thinking of taking this step please talk to your GP or ask to speak to your school nurse first, it is very important that you take this opportunity to protect your child against these very serious diseases.

It is vital the consent form is completed as soon as possible, or on receiving this link, as we will be visiting your child's school during this term.

If you have any problems with the above consent form link, please contact School screener parent support line on 020 3958 4181 or email parentsupport@schoolscreener.com



Please click the link below:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Salford/g/SaiTB2425>

All health-related information is kept confidential however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse's will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the School Age Immunisation Program please contact us via the email address above and we will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

Yours sincerely,

Salford 0-19 Immunisations Team

Imms.team5-19@nca.nhs.uk

0161 206 8821

[Back to contents page](#)

Aspiration | Respect | Confidence | Creativity | Resilience



Transport to School

Dear Parent / Carer,

Transport for students to and from school and college can be arranged free of charge, subject to certain criteria.

Provision can be made for secondary age students travelling over three miles to school. Please note, parents choosing a school further away from their home than another school that is appropriate to their child's educational needs will be responsible for transport costs.

The Local Authority are also required to extend a right to free transport to students from low income families. Children from low income families are defined as those who are entitled to free school meals or those whose families are in receipt of their maximum level of Working Tax Credit.

To find out more information and see if you are eligible, please click on the link [Transport to school•Salford City Council](#)

[Back to contents page](#)

Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates, further information will be sent to families closer to specific events:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Monday 4th – Friday 22nd November	Year 11	Mock Exams
Monday 25th November	Year 8	Nurses in School – HPV catch ups
Thursday 5th December	Year 11	Parents Evening
Monday 9th December	All Families	Nurses in school – flu vaccination
Thursday 19th December	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
Monday 6th January 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
Thursday 16th January 2025	Year 10	Parents Evening
Monday 27th January 2025	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations
Friday 31st January 2025	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students

[Back to contents page](#)