



## Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

My apologies that you are receiving our weekly email communication today instead of last Friday. We had a fantastic first week back to school and have begun a mid-year assessments with students. I hope they have been busy revising at home.

Looking at the weather forecast it's likely that this week will be very cold with the possibility of a little snow. Please encourage your child to wear a coat, I realise many teenagers choose not to wear one, but in my view, it's much better than being incredibly cold! Hats and gloves are also a great idea!

During assemblies last week we spoke to students to let them know that we are requesting they don't bring into school any nuts or products which contain nuts. We have a number of students with quite severe nut allergies. For some if they are in contact with someone who has very recently eaten nuts, then that risk is heightened. Staff have also been asked to do the same. Our aim is to be a nut free school. Thank you for your support with this.

This week, we have Wharton Primary School visiting us for a Science immersion experience, and Salford College about post 16 opportunities.

I hope you have a have a good week.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions via Ask Lowry ([ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk)).

Warm regards,

Claire Coy



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## WEEKLY COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES CONTENT LIST

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the culture at the Lowry Academy, we are introducing a new addition to our strategy, which focuses on delivering an excellent experience for students as they move around the Academy between lessons and during social times. Occasionally, students blur the lines between what is accepted and what isn't. Although this is almost always playful, we want to avoid these rare occasions and make it easy for our students to understand how to behave respectfully and maturely at all times, so we will introduce the 'Hands-Off' initiative.

Key Points of the "Hands-Off" strategy:

**1. No Physical Contact:**

The cornerstone of this initiative is to ensure students adhere to clear boundaries and expectations regarding personal space and respectful conduct around the Academy. No student should feel it is ok for another student to touch them in any way.

**2. Behaviour Policy Implementation:**

Students will be reminded about the 'Hands-Off' initiative; however, failure to adhere to the 'Hands-Off' initiative could lead to consequences in line with our behaviour policy.

Creating a respectful learning environment requires communication between the Academy and families. Therefore, we appreciate your future cooperation in implementing and upholding the "Hands-Off" strategy.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact me via [asklowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:asklowry@lowryacademy.org.uk) with 'FAO Mr Salmon' as your email title.

Yours Sincerely,

Alex Salmon

**Whole School Behaviour Lead**



**Ref: 002/Drop-ins**

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well.

Recently I've been reflecting on the importance of effective communication between home and school. To foster this essential partnership, I've decided to introduce parent drop in sessions where you can meet with me, the Principal. These sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for parents to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas with us.

Our goal is to ensure that every student receives the best possible education and support. By creating a space for open dialogue, we can work together to identify and address any challenges. Your insights and feedback are invaluable in helping us continually improve and adapt our educational programs to meet the diverse needs of our students.

The drop-in sessions will take place on the following dates:

Session 2:      Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2024                      1130 – 1315

Session 3:      Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2024                              0915 - 1100

These sessions will be held in the school canteen, and refreshments will be provided. Whether you have questions about our curriculum, concerns about your child's progress, or simply wish to get to know the school's leadership better, we welcome you to join us at your convenience during these times.

I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you during these drop-in sessions. Your feedback and involvement are crucial to our shared mission of providing the best possible education for your child.

If you have any specific questions or would like to discuss any matters in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact my PA Mrs Duffy [bev.duffy@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:bev.duffy@lowryacademy.org.uk) , who will arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



**Claire Coy**  
**Principal**



Dear Parent / Carer

### School based Vaccination Programme – The Lowry Academy - Year 9 Students only

**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:** 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.

**STEP2:** 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@schoolscreeener.com](mailto:parentsupport@schoolscreeener.com)

Please click the link: <https://app.schoolscreeener.com/Portal/#/Salford/imms/SAi62/148393>

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**



Ref: 004/Workshop

Dear Families,

**REMINDER; Parent Workshop – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 4:30pm – 6:00pm**

This half term the topic is; Developing Resilience in Teenagers, in this session we will look at teenagers development and help create realistic strategies that work for your family while considering your child's resilience, independence and relationships. Spaces are limited to 20. To book your place please email [ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk)



**Developing Resilience in Teenagers**

 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  4:30pm - 6:00pm

Managing boundaries, consistency and safety is a constant balancing act for parents. In this session we will look at teenagers development and help create realistic strategies that work for your family while considering your child's resilience, independence and relationships.



## The Lowry Academy 'ASK LOWRY' communication procedure

We are working to improve our communication with parents and carers. We have taken feedback from families and have been working behind the scenes to offer another way in which you can easily contact us.

We have set up what we are calling 'Ask Lowry'. This is a tool to contact school for all requests and enquiries including passing a message to a member of staff, requesting a member of staff to call you back, requesting a meeting, uniform queries, plus all general queries and enquiries.

To contact us with your request/enquiry you can do this by either:

1. Visit the contact page on our school website [www.lowryacademy.org.uk/contact-us/ask-lowry](http://www.lowryacademy.org.uk/contact-us/ask-lowry) and complete the online 'Ask Lowry' form.
2. E-mail us on [ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk)

### A few points to remember:

- The school working day is 0800 – 1600 but you can send an enquiry at any time of the day.
- You will receive a response during the school working day during school term time.
- Any enquiries/requests received during school holiday time will be responded to on the first day back to school.
- Please use the Ask Lowry facility and we ask that parents avoid telephoning the main office unless in an urgent situation.

### Benefits of using Ask Lowry

- Your enquiry whether by e-mail or website form will be logged.
- You will be sent an acknowledgement, telling you we have received your email and giving you a timescale to expect a response by.
- Your enquiry will be sent to the relevant person in school with a deadline to respond by and you will receive a response within the timeframe given.

### Note:

Calls to the absence line to inform of a child's absence should continue as normal.



## Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 10	Mid Year Assessments
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 9	Nurses in School - DTP/Men ACWY Immunisations
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Interhouse Competition Week – Science  Values: Respect - Holocaust Memorial Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Drop-in Sessions with the Principal 11:30am – 1:15pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Staff INSET Day – School closed to Students
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7, 8, 9	Mid Year Assessments
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9	Nurses in School – DTP/Men ACWY Immunisation catch ups
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 10	Parents Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9	Parents Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Finish at 3pm for Half-term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Return to School

