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# Weekly Parent Communications



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# Principal's Notes

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of our final full week of the term, please note that school will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, 19th December at 12:00pm. Next week, we have a school wide Christmas lunch on Tuesday and other festive celebrations planned! Our attendance incentive, 12 Days of Christmas, continues with the grand prize of a TV to be won next week. Students must be in school to be in with a chance of winning this.

## PE Kit

A few weeks ago, I wrote to let you know that we intended to review of our trial of students wearing PE kit to school on PE days. After careful consideration and gathering feedback from students, we have made the decision to revert to all students wearing uniform every day.

Some key factors that influenced our decision were:

- Some students reported feeling cold when wearing PE kit throughout the school day.
- A number of students forgot to bring their uniform to change into if their PE kit became wet during a PE lesson.

**From the start of January 2025, all students will be expected to wear their full school uniform to school each day. On days when they have PE, they should bring their PE kit to change into at the start of their PE lesson.**

We appreciate your support during this term's trial and thank you for helping us implement this change smoothly in the new year.

## Our Pre-Loved Shop is Now Live

Thank you to everyone who generously donated clothing, shoes, and hygiene items. We now have a full rail of coats, some PE kit, boys' trousers, scarves, and some warm clothing, which is a great start. However, we are still short on items of our school uniform such as blazers and skirts. If you have any uniform pieces to donate, please do send them into school. As a token of thanks, Greggs Vouchers are still available for contributors. The shop is entirely free and designed to support families who may need a little extra help. If you would like to access the shop or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith at [ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk](mailto:ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk).

Thank you as always for your continued support, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, I wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas break.

Warm regards,  
Claire Coy





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## **Last Day**

Dear Parent / Carer,

On the final day of school – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or a festive accessory ie hat, socks etc alongside their full school uniform.

To join in, we'd love for students to bring an item for our food collection (if they haven't already).

A huge **thank you** to everyone who has donated so far – your kindness is truly making a difference!

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## **Year 10 Parents Evening**

**Date for your Diary – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025: 4pm – 6pm**

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have moved the Year 10 Parents Evening date from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

This is to ensure we can provide you with a full overview of your child's progress so far in their GCSE courses, following the completion of their mid-year assessments when you meet with your child's teachers at Parents Evening.

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**American Sweets and Drinks - WARNING**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Salford City Council have asked us to share with you a warning issued by The Chartered Trading Standards Institute about unauthorised additives in imported American snacks, sweets and fizzy drinks. These products, popularised by social media influencers on platforms like TikTok, are flooding UK high streets, posing serious health risks to children.

Please see the leaflet below advising parents and carers what to look for.



# ILLEGAL

## Imported sweets and drinks warning!


The Chartered Trading Standards Institute has issued a warning that imported sweets and fizzy drinks with known links to hyperactivity and cancer have flooded the UK.

Here in Salford we're taking this very seriously and the council's Trading Standards team is confiscating illegal products from local shops. We're also urging you not to buy these products for children.

<div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">What are the risks?</div> <p>Some imported sweets and drinks contain additives and ingredients that are banned in the UK because they are linked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hyperactivity</li> <li>• behavioural problems</li> <li>• cancer</li> <li>• kidney and other organ damage</li> <li>• heart problems</li> <li>• making insulin response less effective</li> <li>• nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, stomach cramps</li> <li>• copper deficiency</li> <li>• headaches</li> <li>• dizziness</li> <li>• nutrient deficiencies and reduced immune function</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">What to look out for</div> <p><b>Banned ingredients to look out for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brominated vegetable oil (BVO)</li> <li>• E127, Erythrosine (shown on US products as Red 3)</li> <li>• Mineral oil – this carries the risk of contamination with other compounds, which in turn are capable of forming cancers</li> <li>• Bleached flour</li> </ul> <p><b>The following additives can cause hyperactivity and behavioural problems in children. There should be a warning on the packaging to state this.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunset yellow FCF (E110)</li> <li>• Quinoline yellow (E104)</li> <li>• Carmoisine (E122)</li> <li>• Allura red (E129)</li> <li>• Tartrazine (E102)</li> <li>• Ponceau 4R (E124)</li> </ul> <p><b>The following additives are allowed in food but not in drinks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calcium disodium EDTA (E385) - in animal studies it caused adverse reproductive and developmental effects and in mice has been shown to contribute to cancer of the colon</li> <li>• Erythorbic acid (E315)</li> </ul>
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Salford City Council

Some examples of imported food and drinks that have been found to contain banned additives and ingredients are shown below. Some of these brands have products intended for the UK market and comply with legislation. Check the ingredients to make sure the product you're buying doesn't contain any of the additives listed on the other side of this leaflet.

<p><b>Jolly Rancher hard candy</b></p> 	<p><b>Twizzler Twists</b></p> 	<p><b>Fanta Pineapple</b></p> 	<p><b>Hostess Twinkies</b></p> 
<p><b>Jolly Rancher gummies original</b></p> 	<p><b>Chewy Lemonheads</b></p> 	<p><b>Mtn Dew</b></p> 	<p><b>Hostess Golden Cupcakes</b></p> 
<p><b>Jolly Rancher lollipop</b></p> 	<p><b>Lemonheads Original (theatre box)</b></p> 	<p><b>Mirinda</b></p> 	<p><b>Pillsbury Confetti Cake Mix</b></p> 
<p><b>Swedish Fish</b></p> 	<p><b>Hot Tamales</b></p> 	<p><b>Sunny D</b></p> 	<p><b>USA Prime Hydration Drink</b></p> 
<p><b>Swedish Fish Tropical</b></p> 	<p><b>Cheetos Crunchy</b></p> 	<p><b>Sunny D Orange Strawberry</b></p> 	<p><b>American Pickles</b></p> 
<p><b>Twizzlers</b></p> 	<p><b>Takis blue heat</b></p> 	<p>We're working hard to protect consumers by removing these products from local shops and educating shopkeepers about the dangers. If you see a product with one of the banned ingredients please report it to <a href="mailto:trading_standards@salford.gov.uk">trading_standards@salford.gov.uk</a>.</p>	

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## **Salford Local Offer**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see the flyer below, sent to us from Salford City Council, if you would like to see what is available locally for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities:



**Salford City Council**

**Local Offer drop-in sessions**

**Want to find out what's available locally for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities? Visit the Local Offer drop-in sessions to find out!**

Monday 13 January 2025 1.30pm-3pm  
Little Hulton Family Hub

Friday 24 January 2025 10am-2pm  
Online- email us for booking information

Tuesday 28 January 2025 10.30am-12pm  
Pendleton Gateway

Tuesday 11 February 2025 1.30pm-3pm  
Broughton Hub

Wednesday 19 February 2025 10.30am-12pm  
Eccles Gateway

Monday 24 February 2025 10am-2pm  
Online- email/scan QR code for booking information

Thursday 6 March 2025 1.30pm-3pm  
Swinton Gateway

Wednesday 12 March 2025 10.30am-12pm  
Walkden Gateway

Tuesday 25 March 2025 10.30am-12pm  
Irlam and Cadishead Family Hub

Friday 28 March 2025 10am-2pm  
Online- email/scan QR code for booking info

Tuesday 1 April 2025 1.30pm-3pm  
Winton Family Hub

Scan the QR code to visit the Local Offer

 [www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer)

 [localoffer@salford.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@salford.gov.uk)

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## **Annual Reviews of EHCPs – Parent and Carer Training**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Salford Information, Advice and Support Service (SIASS) have asked us to inform parents and carers that they will be delivering a second parent and carer training session focusing on the Annual Review process for EHCPs.

They have a maximum number of 24 participants and will allocate places on a first come, first served basis. They have asked that you only attend if your child has a current EHCP and only 1 parent per family can attend. If you signed up for the previous training and did not attend, you will be added to their waiting list.

If you wish to book a place on the course, please email [steven.booth@salford.gov.uk](mailto:steven.booth@salford.gov.uk) and ensure you include your child's full name, date of birth, school / educational setting they attend, and when their EHCP was issued.

SIASS will corroborate if the child/young person has an EHCP and if they do not you won't be offered a place.

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## **Lost Property**

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have many items in lost property that have not been claimed by students.

These items will be displayed in school on Monday and Tuesday next week near the Tree, during break and lunchtimes.

If your child has lost any items since September, please inform them to check on Monday and Tuesday at the Tree area during social times.

Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

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## **Uniform Donations**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you so much for your donations for our Pre-Loved uniform shop. Please continue to send in uniform, coats, PE kit and shoes and trainers, but not normal clothes please.

We still have some Greggs vouchers left, so if you do have the time to bag up any of the above please bring it into school for the attention of Mrs Smith.



# DONATE TO OUR PRE-LOVED SHOP

We are reaching out to ask for your generous donations to our Pre-Loved Shop!

Some of our families who join us have very little, and we know children outgrow uniform/clothing items quickly. If you have any items that your child has outgrown or no longer needs, and that are still in a good condition, please consider donating them to our free shop. We are looking for:

- Academy Blazers
- Blue V-Neck Jumpers
- White School Shirts
- Black Trousers
- Academy Skirts
- Ties
- Academy PE Kits
- Coats
- Hats/Scarves/Gloves
- Backpacks
- Shoes/Trainers
- Personal Hygiene Items

Your contributions will mean so much to our families in need.

Donations can be handed directly to the main office by yourself or your child.

Thank you for your support!





 As a small token of thanks, we are offering £5 Greggs Vouchers to the first 20 people to donate full bags!

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## 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
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	Student Christmas Lunch Day
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	All Families	School closes for Christmas - last day for students
 <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025</b>   <b>Christmas Holiday</b> 		
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	Planning Day – School Closed to Students
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	Students return to school for normal registration
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	Year 9	Nurses in school - DTP/MenACWY immunisations
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	All Families	INSET Day – School Closed to Students
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	Year 10	Parents Evening
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	Year 9	DTP/MenACWY immunisation catch ups

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