



WEEKLY COMMUNICATION TO FAMILIES CONTENT LIST

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Ref: 001/Last Day

Dear Families

As we approach the final two weeks of the academic year I want to extend a thank you to all of our families for the help and support you have given us. This has been a truly successful year, our students have thrived, we have been recognised by Ofsted as a school that is 'Good' in all areas.

As we look forward to the coming year, we remain dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children. Our goal is to ensure that they leave our school equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to face the challenges of the wider world. We will continue to strive for excellence, nurturing each student's potential and preparing them for a bright and successful future.

Dates to note for your calendar:

Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July – School Production of Matilda

We will be showcasing our school production on 3 evening 16th, 17th & 18th July.

Doors open at 5.30pm to allow time to be seated prior to the show commencing at 6.30 pm.

Tickets available from Mrs Ruscoe in the Safeguarding Office.

Wednesday 24th July – Last Day

This will be our last day in school for students before finishing for the summer break. I'd like to stress the importance of your child attending school on this day. Children will be expected in school for lineups at 8:25am and will leave at 12:00pm.

Return to School – September 2024

School will re-open for staff Inset Days Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September, 2024 (closed to students).

Year 7 & Year 11

First day back for Year 7 & 11 will be Wednesday 4th September. Students should arrive for morning line-ups no later than 8:25am.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Thursday 5th September.

Please see below for the start time for each year group:

Year 10 – Thursday 5th September at 8:25am

Year 9 – Thursday 5th September at 10:00am

Year 8 – Thursday 5th September 11:40am

Communication

Should you need to contact school direct, this can be done either by telephone or e-mail:

- School telephone number: 0161 529 5200. Our school office is open 8am til 4pm during holidays.
- Central email address: ask.lowry@lowryacademy.org.uk

PE kit: Important update

From September students will be expected to come to school in their PE kit with their blazer over the top on the days that they have PE. Full details of the academy PE kit can be found here:

[The Lowry Academy > Information > School Uniform and Equipment](#)

PE Kit



Uniform 2024:

Full details of our new uniform can be found here:

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Ties:

Y11 = Silver Stripe
Y10 = Purple Stripe
Y 9 = Blue Stripe
Y 8 = Green Stripe
Y 7 = Gold Stripe

- Whittakers Schoolwear, is our school uniform provider. The shop is in Swinton: 123-125 Chroley Road, Swinton M27 4AA in Swinton where you can purchase our school uniform.
- Alternatively, Whittakers will be in school on Sunday 28th July, 2024 for a selling event for those families who are unable to get to the shop in Swinton. Opening times for this event is 11am until 2pm. Please arrive to school via main school reception.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a lovely summer (let's hope the sun shines) and look forward to welcoming your child back to school in September 2024.

Kind regards

Stephen Fletcher
Senior Vice Principal

Ref: 002/Penalty Notices

Salford City Council

Important information for Parents, changes as of 19th August 2024 to the issue of Penalty Notices for Non-School attendance.

Dear Parent,

[The Education \(Penalty Notices\) \(ENGLAND\) \(AMENDMENT\) Regulations 2024 No. 210](#)

New Legislation comes into force on 19th August 2024 regarding the issuing of penalty notices relating to none school attendance. The following changes will come into force for penalty notice fines issued after 19th August 2024.

New National Threshold

There will be a single National Threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England and Wales of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any type of unauthorised absence.

From 19th August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£160 discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160 with no discount given for early repayment.

1. The **first time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, discounted to £80 if paid within 21 days.
2. The **second time** a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised absence (within 3 years) the amount will be £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.

Any term time holidays that are taken after the start of the 2024/25 academic year will be treated under the new Legislation as the new rules apply to any offences committed from 19 August 2024, regardless of when the holiday is booked.

Should a **third absence** be taken within the three-year period, a parent may be summonsed to the Magistrates Court for knowingly failing to secure good attendance at school (Section 444 (1A) of Education Act 1996).

For more information please see the following:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

Salford local authority and schools are committed to providing the best possible future for your child. If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school or if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your school and ask for support.

Re: Important information about the children's flu vaccination

Dear parent/ carer

After the summer break your child will be invited to have a free seasonal flu vaccine. You will receive more information about this during the autumn term, but I wanted to share some details ahead of the holiday about why and how you should get your child vaccinated.

Children can catch and spread flu very easily. The vaccine is the safest way to protect your child from the flu, which can be very unpleasant and can sometimes cause serious problems, like pneumonia.

Vaccinating your child also helps protect other family members especially those who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as younger babies and grandparents.

How is the children's flu vaccine given?

We recommend the nasal flu vaccine for your child, this is given as a quick and painless spray in each nostril. The nasal flu vaccine contains a form of gelatine (porcine gelatine). If you would prefer your child to have a vaccination which does not contain gelatine, then the injection is also available.

The flu injection may also be more suitable for children with allergies and other medical conditions. You can find out more on the NHS website www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/.

Consent forms will be sent out by Intrahealth after the summer break, they may be paper or you might receive an email. Please make sure that you are clear on the consent form which option you would like your child to have.

My child has had the flu vaccination before, do they need to have it again?

Yes; the flu virus can change each year so the vaccine is updated each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, it's important that even if your child was vaccinated last year, that they are vaccinated again this year.

What should I do if I have more questions?

There is lots of useful information on the NHS website. You can also get in touch with your GP or Intrahealth, by visiting their website www.intrahealth.co.uk/services/manchester-flu/.

You will receive more information about the flu vaccination for your child when you get the invitation from your child's school, during the autumn term.

I hope you all have a great summer.

Best wishes



Dr Helen Wall
Clinical Director of Population Health GM (lead imms & screening)



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11-16 YEARS
TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER 4-8PM

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FREE

DRAMA | SPORTS | ARTS | GAMES |

BRIDGEWATER YOUTH CENTRE
72 BRIDGEWATER ST, LITTLE HULTON,
MANCHESTER M38 9WD

DO YOU ACCESS FREE SCHOOL MEALS? BOOK NOW: 

IF NOT? BOOK HERE: 

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THE DEN YOUTH CLUB
ELLSEMERE SHOPPING CENTRE, 20/21 WALKDEN TOWN CENTRE, MANCHESTER ROAD M28 3ZH

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Ref: 005/Dates for your Diary

Diary dates

Please make a note of the following dates:

Date(s)	Relevant to	Event
Monday 15th July	Year 10	Mock Textiles Exam
Tuesday 16th July	All Families	School Production – Matilda
Wednesday 17th July	All Families	School Production – Matilda
Thursday 18th July	All Families	School Production - Matilda
Friday 19th July	Year 10	Mock Textiles Exam
Tuesday 23rd July	All Families	End of Year Rewards Event – The Lowry Festival
Wednesday 24th July	All Families	End of School Year – All students finish at 12pm