

Newsletter

Beginning of Term 1– 04/09/2023

End of Term 1– 20/10/2023



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Principal's Message

Welcome back to all our families. This year has started so well, all the children are happy and engaged in their learning. They look very smart in their uniforms. This year we will be focusing on the PE kits of your children so please make sure they are in the correct academy PE kit on PE days. Teachers will let you know if they are not.

We are also continuing our focus on being a healthy school and as part of this we have already sent reminders on the contents of packed lunch boxes. These need to be healthy and nut free. We also do not allow juice in the academy and ask that all pupils have water to drink in their lunches and in their water bottles. All food in packed lunch boxes needs to be able to be eaten cold, thermos containers are not permitted. From the last set of weight and height checks undertaken by the school nurse team we know a healthy approach is essential to support our children being as healthy as possible.

Michelle in the kitchen is working hard to make school meals more appealing to the children and welcomes any feedback you have; a survey will be sent out shortly. We are also going to be asking our pupils to share their thoughts on the meals and how they could be improved. Sodexo, the company who provide our meals, will be setting up an app where you can pay for and select meals directly. More details will follow when this is ready to be launched.

I was thrilled to see so many people at the meet the teacher sessions and believe that working together is the best way to ensure the success of the children. Several events are available on My Child at School to book including progress meetings (previously called parents evenings) and class assemblies.

Over the summer the academy has continued to have works undertaken as part of our ongoing investment in the site. We have new floors in KS2, the hall and EYFS. We have also had the KS2 corridor roof panels replaced to prevent energy waste and become more eco-friendly. As a result of the heating failure last year, we have also work undertaken the electrical supply and heating systems so that this will not happen again.

Toward the end of this term, we will see the beginning of the rebuild of the KS1 building, this will continue through the year and will bring our classrooms up to date. I am continuing to review the access arrangements to the site and would like to have larger gates and an onsite waiting facility, these plans do unfortunately take a long time to go through all the necessary departments and I appreciate your patience and courtesy to each other while the plans progress.

As always, I welcome your feedback regarding how we can improve the experience for the children. If you have any suggestions, please either speak to myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Purple hi-vis) on the gates or email principal@oasis-skinnerstreet.org.

Mrs V Richmond

Messages



Communication

My Child At School (MYCAS)

MCAs now only requires your e-mail and password to log into the app. If you have any issues, please contact the office.

If you have not yet used MY Child At school and would like support with this, please email office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org and a member of the Admin Team will contact you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all pupils during term time at 07.45hrs but a polite reminder, places must be booked and paid for via My Child At School (MYCAS) 24 hours in advance.

Year 5 & 6 Walk Home Consent

If you would like your child to walk home after school without an adult collecting, please be advised that one of our walk home consent forms **MUST** be completed in order to let your child go home.

OCL Inset Day- **Friday 13th October 23**
No School for Children

Last Day of Term 1-**Friday 20th October 23**

Visit our website to view
2023/2024 Term Dates

Term 6 Diary Dates

For full details, please refer to the messages sent directly to you via My Child At School, or visit our website and view the Academy [Calendar - \(oasis Skinnerstreet.org\)](https://www.oasis Skinnerstreet.org)

How to contact us

Office

office@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Telephone: 01634 850213

Safeguarding

Safeguarding@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Attendance

attendance@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

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Inclusions@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

If you need to contact your child's teacher, please use your child Year Group email below:

EYFS@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year1@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year2@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year3@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year4@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year5@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Year6@oasis Skinnerstreet.org

Social Media:

Follow us on Facebook:

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Visit our website:


www.oasis Skinnerstreet.org

for up-to-date news and information.

Sodexo App - Coming soon!



A balanced school meal helps our children to be healthy and ready to learn.



A new way to order your child's lunch called School Food United is coming soon!

We are introducing a new way to order your child's lunch online, ensuring they get their first and favourite choice of meal, reducing waste and making it easier and safer for everyone.

Once we go live, you will be able to:



Order, Change or Cancel Meals



View & print your child's meal plans



Hear About Special Events

Other important information

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, you can choose their meal by downloading the app, logging into our website, or through the catering team at school at the start of each term. To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals go to: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>

Allergens

Please ensure you have completed a 'Special Diet Form' detailing any allergen and/or special dietary requirements your child may have. This will ensure that when they select a meal on School Food United our catering team is notified of your child's dietary needs and adapts the meal to their requirements where necessary. [MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW](#)

School Photo Day
Wednesday 11th October 23

Why do we have a uniform?

We recognise the value of having academy uniforms for the following reasons:

- **Inclusion** – uniforms promote our belief of inclusion for all.
- **A sense of belonging** – the uniform promotes a sense of belonging in each student, academy and the Trust.
- **Safety** – if all the students in our Trust wear a clearly recognisable, correctly branded uniform it is easy to identify strangers in the academy. On the way to and from the academy it also affords a degree of safety as the students are part of a large body of young people who will look out for each other
- **Preparation for the future** – many jobs require staff to wear a uniform and even if there isn't a uniform there is often a dress code. Uniform helps young people get used to dressing to a prescribed standard. It also helps them know the difference between formal and informal dress.
- **Value for money** – good quality uniform should be seen as effective value for money by most parents / carers.
- **Relieves students from fashion 'stress'** – a localised academy uniform eliminates the stress placed on students to purchase and wear expensive, fashionable items.
- **A sense of pride** – we all feel proud of our young people when they are well dressed in the uniform. Uniform and PE/sport kits also help students to demonstrate pride in their academy.
- **Helps raise aspirations** – the smarter you feel the more you believe you can achieve!



Uniform Suppliers

You can purchase uniform from any supermarkets such as Asda George, Sainsburys TU, Tesco F&F etc. Please note that branded items are only available from **Uniformbase**, 11 Railway Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4HU or visit <http://www.uniformbase.co.uk/>

Please ensure that your child arrives to school in full academy uniform. On your child's PE day, please ensure they wear the full academy PE kit (house colour t-shirt). For the full list, please visit our website <https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/uniform>

PE Days

Monday	Elm / Maple / Poppies /Bluebells
Tuesday	Beech
Wednesday	Daisies / Willow / Palm
Thursday	Buttercups / Oak / Rowan
Friday	Birch (Challenger Troop)

Challenger Troop

This Term, Birch Class will have challenger troop every Friday. Please ensure they wear their PE kits on this day.

All Newsletters are available to view on our website
<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/news-and-events/academy-newsletter>

OASS Staff

We are excited to welcome some new members of staff to Oasis Academy this term:



Mr Brackenbury is the Class Teacher for Maple Class (Y4)



Mr Eiffe joins us as an Assistant Principal and he is also the class teacher for Rowan Class (Y6)



Miss Manialagan is the class teacher for Daisies Class (Y1)



Mr Bailey has joined the academy as a Teaching Assistant



Miss Wilson can be found in Y2 as the class teacher for Poppies Class

We are also pleased to confirm some existing members of staff have taken on new roles:

- Miss Wright is Phase Lead for EYFS and KS1 (YR, Y1 and Y2)
- Mrs Gardiner is Phase Lead for Lower KS2 (Y3 and Y4)
- Mrs Cadruvi is Phase Lead for Upper KS2 (Y5 and Y6)
- Mr Freeman is an Assistant Principal and he is also the class teacher for Bluebells Class (Y2)

Parent/ Carer Courses

The National College[®]

We're delighted to let you know that **Oasis Academy Skinner Street** continues to be a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That's why you've now got access to **hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides** to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://nationalcollege.com/primary> and complete your details. Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

- [App store](#)
- [Google Play](#)

They're always here to help!

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their [help centre](#) provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in [contact](#) with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

Some courses available include:

Any of these courses can be completed in line with our focus in term 1 on online safety.

- [Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11 \(International Schools- Male\)](#)
- [Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 3-7 \(International Schools- Male\)](#)
- [Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11](#)
- [Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 3-7](#)
- [Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 11-14 \(International Schools- Female\)](#)

You Said.....We Did.....

You said...	We did.....
It would help to have more notice of events and payments for budgeting and for booking time off to attend events.	We have sent a letter for each year group, with details of events for the academic year ahead. Payments are active on My Child At School for all relevant events across the academic year to allow for payments to be made at any time before the cut-off date, either in full, or in instalments. All events can be seen on the school calendar on the academy website, and details of events for the current and next terms are included in each newsletter.
It can be a struggle to find and buy academy uniform at an affordable price	FOASS (Friends of Oasis Academy Skinner Street) frequently seek donations of unwanted uniform and sell these at regular intervals at greatly reduced prices. All funds raised support events and resources for pupils that may otherwise not be available.
How can we tell “who is who” on the playground at drop off and pick up times?	Academy staff can be identified by their Yellow High Visibility Vests and stand on entrance and exit gates to the site and at entrance and exit points for pupils. FOASS volunteers can be identified by their Orange High Visibility Vests and stand by the flagpole on the playground. Members of the Senior Leadership Team can be identified by their Purple High Visibility Vests and can be found on the playground.

FOASS (Friends of Oasis Academy Skinner Street)

New members are always welcome!

Whether you have time to regularly support events or just want to volunteer to help on an ad-hoc basis, please speak to Zoe on the playground at drop off and pick up times for more details.

Coffee Group

We will be sharing details of our regular coffee group session very soon.

Watch this space!




School Dinner Menu

To view our menu, please visit our website


<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/academy-lunches>

If your child has packed lunches, please use the link below to view healthy lunch ideas

<https://www.oasisacademyskinnerstreet.org/academy-life/academy-lunches>




Week 1 Menu



18/09/2023 / 09/10/2023

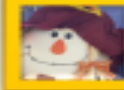
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pitch's choice-vegetarian	Sticky Korean Cauliflower	BBQ Corn & Pepper-Pizza	Roasted Quorn Fillet	Mozzoni-Cheese with Blabernut Squash	Quorn Hot Dog & Fried Onions
Patch's choice	Louisiana Chicken	Falafel Meatball Wrap	Roast Turkey	Sausage-Pasta Bake	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Carbohydrates	Jacket Potato	Garlic & Onion Focaccia Bread	Roasted Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	BBQ Beans or Green Beans	Roasted Peppers and Spinach	Carrots and Steamed Greens	Roasted Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Pudding	Chocolate Custard Pot Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Raspbery Jolly Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Tom & Coconut Tart Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Chocolate & Biscuit Biscuits Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Apricot Roll, Roast Apple Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit




AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket potatoes baked inside with a daily choice of two toppings - Seasonal cut fruits - Mixed salad bar - Freshly baked bread (white or wholemeal)

Vegetarian **Halal** **Kosher**


For allergen advice please refer to website or call 01452 811111



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Week 2 Menu



04/09/2023 / 25/09/2023 / 16/10/2023

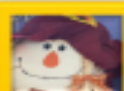
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pitch's choice-vegetarian	Quorn Sausage & Grouse	Chickpeas & Squash Taggine	Mushroom & Spinach Enchiladas	Chickpeas, Sweetcorn & Comander Burger	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Patch's choice	Toad in the Hole	Chicken Kebab Wrap	Roast Gammon	Leek & Tomato Tart	Oven Baked Fish
Carbohydrates	Mashed Potato	Roastie-Cous-Cous	Roasted Potatoes	Garlic & Thyme Wedges	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Moroccan Slaw	Fresh Broccoli & Carrots	Roasted Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Pudding	Orange Yoghurt Pot Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Baked Rice Pudding Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Apple Rice Pudding, Roast Peaches & Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Orzy Raspberry Pudding Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Banana & Custard Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit




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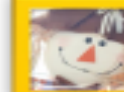


Week 3 Menu



11/09/2023 / 02/10/2023


	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pitch's choice-vegetarian	Onion Bhaji, Chutney & Flatbread	Ratatouille Pasta Bake	Veggie Sausage & Bean HotPot	Bajjalo-Cauliflower Wings	Vegetable & Bean Soft-Tacos
Patch's choice	Batter Chicken Gung	Loaded Chili Dog	Roast Turkey	Southern Baked Chicken	Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Carbohydrates	Naan, Bread or Braised Rice	Parveily & Garlic Bread	Roasted Potatoes	Spiced Vegetable Rice	Oven Baked Chips
Vegetables	Roasted Broccoli and Red Onions	Cajun Mixed Beans	Carrots & Garden Peas	Roasted Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Pudding	Freshly Baked Oat & Lemon Cookies, Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Frost Pineapple Pot with Milk, Coconut Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Summer Fruit Trifle Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Apricot Sponge & Custard Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream Selection of Yoghurt/ Fruit



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Safeguarding Update

A big welcome back from the Safeguarding Team here at Oasis Academy Skinner Street. There have been some changes over the Summer. Miss Pearmain is now DSL (designated safeguarding lead), leading safeguarding across the academy. We have several deputy DSLs who are also available to speak to if you have any concerns about a child. We are on the gate every day and would encourage anyone who requires support to please speak to us, as we have a number of avenues of support, we can offer; including Early Help and food vouchers. The safeguarding email address is safeguarding@oasis Skinner Street.org. We work closely with Medway children's services to ensure the children in our academy enjoy the best possible start to their educational journey.

DSL (designated safeguarding lead): Miss Pearmain

DDSL (Deputy designated safeguarding lead):

Mrs Richmond

Ms Husband

Mrs Saddleton

Mr Freeman

Mrs Gardiner

Miss Wright

Mr Kinslow.



Reporting Absence

Please remember that to report your child's absence you need to e-mail attendance@oasis Skinner Street.org or call 01634 850213 and choose option 0 for the attendance line and -leave a voicemail **by 10am on the day of absence**. Failure to contact and provide a reason for absence will result in this being unauthorised.

If you have already received attendance letter one, this will mean we will need medical evidence to authorise any absences your child may have in the future, this can be a doctor's note, proof of medication etc. 10 unauthorised sessions will lead to a penalty notice fine issued from the local authority.

Please note that MCAS can sometimes take time to update attendance marks in the morning but if you have any queries etc. please call or email Mr Kinslow, Attendance Officer.

Requesting Absence

For any pre-planned absence, an **absence request form** must be completed. These can be collected from the office and should be completed 3 weeks before the start of the absence. A decision is made by the Principal and you will be informed before the leave is taken, whether this will be authorised or unauthorised. **Please note that even if you think your leave will be unauthorised it is very important an absence request is completed to avoid any concerns regarding your child's whereabouts, which could lead to safeguarding concerns, welfare visits etc.**

Punctuality

If your child arrives after 8:50am they will need to enter the Academy via the Office where Mr Kinslow will sign them in and take them to class. Your child will be recorded as late on the register, and you will be asked for your reason for lateness. This is monitored regularly, and frequent poor punctuality will result in reminder messages and meetings with the Attendance Officer and Attendance Lead.

Term Dates 2023 /2024

Term Dates September 2023 – July 2024



Term 1	SS Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 1 st September 2023
	Term begins for pupils	Monday 4th September 2023
	OCL Inset Day 1 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 13 th October 2023
	Term ends	Friday 20th October 2023
Autumn Break (2 weeks)	Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November 2023	
Term 2	Term begins	Monday 6th November 2023
	Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December 2023
Winter Break	Thursday 21st December 2023 – Monday 2nd January 2024	
Term 3	SS Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 2 nd January 2024
	Term begins for pupils	Wednesday 3rd January 2024
	Term ends	Friday 9th February 2024
February Break	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024	
Term 4	Term begins	Monday 19th February 2024
	Term ends for pupils	Thursday 28th March 2024
Spring Break	Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April 2024	
Term 5	Term begins	Monday 15th April 2024
	Early May Bank Holiday – Pupils do not attend	Monday 6 th May 2024
	Term ends	Friday 24th May 2024
May Break	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024	
Term 6	Term begins	Monday 3rd June 2024
	OCL Inset Day 2 – Pupils do not attend	Friday 21 st June 2024
	Term ends for pupils	Friday 19th July 2024
	SS Inset Day 3 – Pupils do not attend	Monday 22 nd July 2024
	SS Inset Day 4 – Pupils do not attend	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

- The Academy has 4 Inset days and OCL Trust has 2 Inset Days.

Whilst we have taken every care to ensure these dates are accurate at the time of publication there may be occasions when we need to change dates for reasons outside our control.