



# OADR Update

Wednesday 1 May 2024

Apologies for the late update. It's been a very busy week!

As you will see below, there has been much to feel positive about over the past week. It has been really pleasing to see an improvement in attendance. As I have said before, it is the biggest factor in student success so we must keep this momentum going. Please do not let your children stay at home with minor aches/pains. In other news, on Thursday, Miss Baker led an assembly and follow up tutor session on periods. Whilst some students initially found this a little awkward, they engaged really well. It is vital that we educate all students on these sometimes more challenging topics to promote better understanding.

*Mr Shaw (Head of School)*

## **MET Review**

On Wednesday last week, we were visited by Lorna Brackstone (former Ofsted HMI) as part of OCL's 'Monitoring and Evaluation Team' programme. All Oasis Academies receive at least a couple of visits per year to check on their progress and our previous visit was back in November. She met with a range of staff and students, as well as observing lessons, line-ups and social times. I am pleased to say that Lorna was very impressed with the progress she saw in terms of relationships, behaviour and learning. We don't get a 'rating' or 'score' for these visits but it is safe to say that we are really pleased with how things are moving forwards – whilst also being very aware of areas that require further improvement. We aren't where we want to be but we are moving in the right direction. Thank you to parents/carers for your on-going support and your children for being amazing!

*Mr Shaw (Head of School)*

## **Buildings Update**

As I write, I am awaiting an update from the DfE which was due at the end of last week. It is incredibly frustrating for us all that I cannot provide any further update on the new site but rest assured that we continue to seek clarity and will update you all as soon as we can. In the meantime, I continue to attend frequent meetings regarding our more immediate plans on the temporary site. Whilst we would love to be in our new building, I feel that we can approach next year with real optimism in terms of the improved facilities we will have available. Again, we know it's not where we want to be (quite literally!) but positive steps are being taken.

*Mr Shaw (Head of School)*

## **Dodgeball Tournament**

On the afternoon of Friday 19 April, we held an inter-form dodgeball tournament in the OAJW sports hall. This was a really fun event – with a suitably competitive edge! Well done to all for taking part and congratulations to 7BTE for running out winners!



*Mr Tew (Teacher of PE)*

## **Hot Chocolate Friday**

Congratulations to the following students who received the highest number of Positive Points last week:

Mia - 21

Lola J - 22

Amelia - 24

Fergus - 20

Leo L - 24

Anas - 19

Amelie N - 21

Oli - 21

Ellie - 23

Jack Gr - 19

They spent break having Hot Chocolate and biscuits with Mr Shaw, with an opportunity to share their views on the Academy and how we can keep improving. Well done all!

*Mrs Bufton (Associate Assistant Principal)*



### **'Library' Books**

As you will be aware, we do not have a physical library at OADR. One of our wonderful parents has been in contact with an author friend, who in turn has spread the word via social media, to explain our situation. We have since been fairly inundated with deliveries of parcels of books! We have placed an order for some shelving so we will soon have bookshelves for our students to access. In the meantime, just a reminder that students can access the online library via their iPads. A massive thank you to the parent concerned (you know who you are 😊) – another sign of the wonderful community we have behind this school.

*Miss Carmichael (Head of English)*

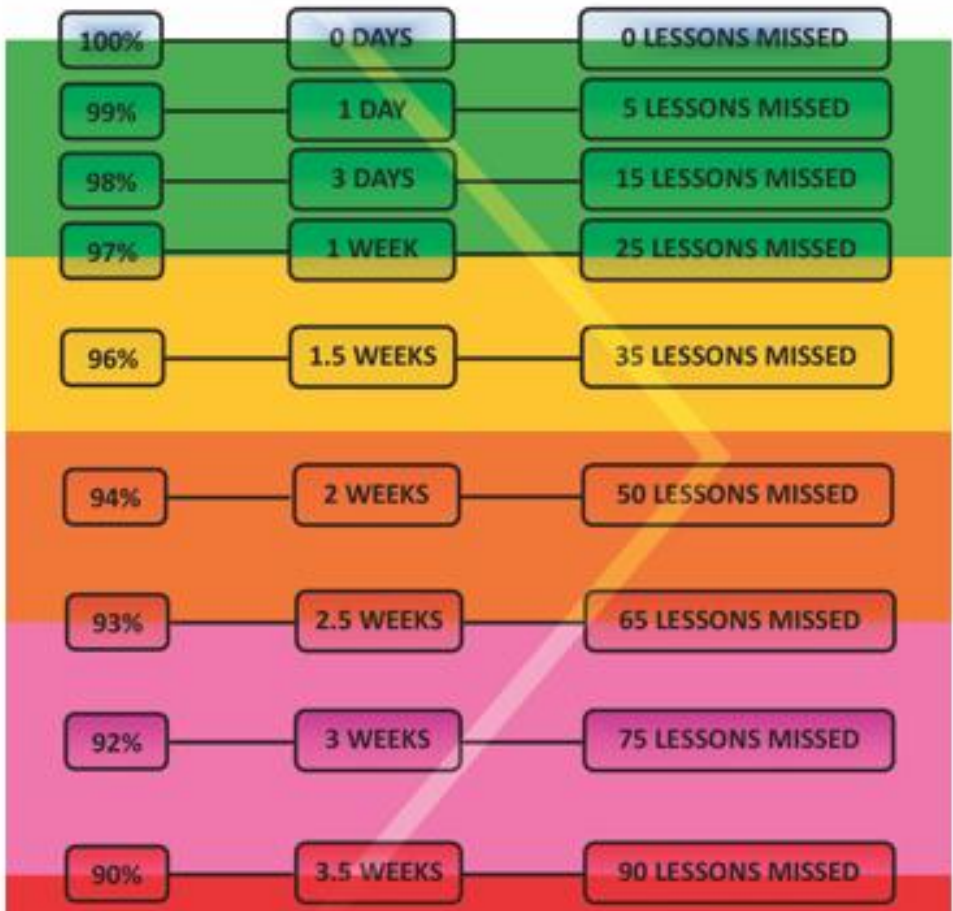
# Attendance Diamond



Attendance Groups	
Green	No risk
Yellow	Risk of underachievement
Amber	Serious risk of underachievement
Pink	Severe risk of underachievement
Red	Extreme risk - Court action



# Attendance Matters



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