

Newsletter

January 2021



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you are remaining safe. We wanted to get in contact early and update you on some key areas—especially as we're not seeing many of you in person at the moment due to remote learning. We've been working hard on our home offer and been amazed at how many of you have been able to come to live sessions as well as completed the lessons and quizzes. We're HUGELY looking forward to giving out the iPads so that everyone can access the live sessions too. We know our children are getting a great deal in both support from you and in their learning from the academy and want to take the opportunity to thank you for ensuring children attend lessons and complete work, responding quickly to forms we send out and all the lovely emails teachers have received from you.

We are very proud to be Oasis Warndon.
Miss Hobson, Mrs Owen and the Senior Leadership Team

Online Learning and Online Learning Celebrations

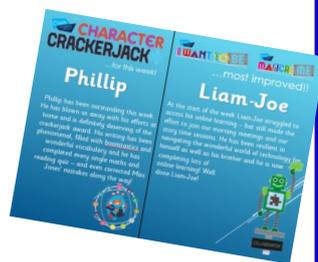
| Year Group | Fully Engaging |
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| R | 61% |
| 1 | 62% |
| 2 | 59% |
| 3 | 53% |
| 4 | 72% |
| 5 | 65% |
| 6 | 70% |

A massive thank you to all of you for your support with the online learning. We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous amount of home learning that is being completed across the Academy. These are the percentages for children who are fully engaging in the home learning, completing all maths, writing, reading and attending live morning check-ins

and story time. Our top 3 year groups from last week were Year 5, Year 6 and Year 4.

We want to make sure that we are properly celebrating the incredible learning that children are completing and recognise that we cannot celebrate in our usual way. So, teachers will now be posting daily praise for children in their class on the general channel in their class team. We will also be celebrating character robot achievements and Crackerjack's on a Friday.

Teachers will be making phone calls during the week to check in with children who have not completed all home learning, this is so that we can offer support in making sure that all of our children continue to make progress. Sometimes we will be ringing from a withheld number, please be aware this may be the class teacher.



Free School Meal Vouchers and Universal Free School Meals.



For those of you who are entitled to free school meals, you should have received your EdenRed vouchers towards the latter end of this week. If you haven't received them, please check your junk email (they may have landed there). If you not, please contact the academy office by either phone or email who will be able to help. If you think you are entitled to free school meals but haven't yet applied please contact us as soon as possible and we will be able to help you with your application.

Although the government are not providing vouchers for children on Universal Free School Meals (children in Year Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Oasis Community Learning know the importance of healthy eating and have therefore pledged to provide food parcels for these children if they are not currently attending school or entitled to free school meals - a Microsoft form was sent out to you via email, please ensure you have filled this in if you wish to collect a weekly parcel from the office.

If your child is attending school during the current lockdown our kitchen is still open to provide a hot meal to children on both UIFSM and FSM or if you wish to pay for one.

FREE Magic Breakfast packs available from the Community Hub

While children are not in school we are delighted to be able to continue to offer the opportunity for families to collect a breakfast pack from the Community Hub until our return to school. Packs will be available on a first come first served basis.

With thanks to the National School Breakfast Scheme breakfast packs of cereal & bagels are available for collection from the Hub Monday- Friday 9am-3.30pm. Please ensure that you observe social distancing when collecting your packs.



Please be aware if your child is still attending school during this time they will continue to receive breakfast bagels in school. If you are in receipt of a hamper as part of our Universal Free School meals offering your child will receive their breakfast within the hampers provided.

Oasis Horizons

Having trouble with your device for home learning? Worry no more.

We are really excited that we are nearing the roll out date for the Oasis Horizon devices. These devices will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to innovatively explore curriculum areas and prepare your children for their futures. You should have received an email with information about how you can come to collect your device. In the mean time, please take some time to visit our website and read through the acceptable use policy and the frequently asked questions.



www.oasisacademywarndon.org/about-us/oasis-horizons

Sharing your work!

Remember to upload any pictures or messages and tag us @oasiswarndon where you can also then see each other too! We love to get updates here on what you are up to and enjoying!



Oasis Warndon Hub



The hub is a brilliant resource for any parent our carer of the children at our academy. Fay and Hannah from the hub are on hand to help in any way possible.

They can be contacted through the facebook page via message, through the school office and press option 3. - 01905 45 3530 .
Hub Mobile Number 07866142137

They can support in a multitude of ways from helping to advocate for you if needed, speaking to services on your behalf, signposting you to services which may be able to help you further and providing short term food support if families are in crisis.

They offer a friendly ear to listen if you are in trouble and in need of help. Feel free to speak with one of three of our domestic abuse champions. Fay Osborne (Hub Leader) Hannah Harrison (Deputy Hub Leader) or Jemma Finnimore.

If you would like to donate anything to our hub we would be grateful as it really helps us to support families who are struggling in these difficult times.



9 Habits

The 9 habits help us in the process of personal growth and development. They are our bespoke and unique approach supporting our character development. We know that by living by the way of the Habits we are continually developing our character and being transformed to become the best version of ourselves is really important for all of us. Therefore, we actively promote and practice the Oasis 9 Habits which are an invitation to a way of life characterised by being compassionate, patient, humble, joyful, honest, hopeful, considerate, forgiving and self-controlled.

The 9 habits help us with all sorts of things when we are being considerate, we think about how we can be kind to others and help them.

When we are being hopeful we think about what we do to make sure the world is a better place when we get to the other side of the coronavirus outbreak.

When we are being joyful we think of all of the positive things that we can see like the sunshine, or we think of our favourite animal or food, or we remember how thankful we are for our friends and this helps us to feel happier inside.

When we are being patient, we think about how we can be calm if we are feeling worried or frustrated.

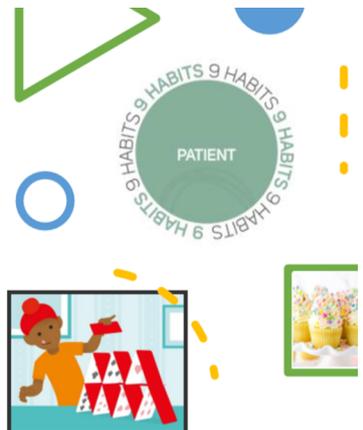
Take a moment to focus on all of the 9 habits which one of the habits will you use to get through this period of time.

Look at our school logo and remember the word together- every time you see our academy logo you must remember everyone who is part of our academy from the students, teachers, teaching assistants, kitchen staff, site staff, office staff- everyone and how we are all connected. We are all part of the oasis family together even though we aren't all together at the moment we are connected in an amazing way, and when we get to see each other again it will be brilliant.

The habit we are focusing on in the month of January is patient. Something through this tricky time we all need a bit of. Here are some activities to have a go at to practise and develop your skills of being patient. Why not give them a go! We would love to see some pictures of you practising patient add them to our twitter page.

9 Habit Activities January: Patient

- Learning patience is a key skill, which will help you at school and at home. To start with, try building a tower using a pack of cards. This will build upon your patience, as it may fall, but by taking your time and having steady hands, you can do it!
- Another game to practice patience is Jenga – this is a fun way to see how patient you can be. Carefully take turns pulling out a block from the tower, make sure that it doesn't topple over!
- Have a go at baking a simple cake with an adult. This is a great way to learn patience as you have to wait for it to bake and cool down before you can decorate it and then eat it!
- Learning a language links into the patience habit as you have to take your time building up your skillset and should practice everyday to retain the new words you have learnt.



Tweet us your 9 habit activities @oasiswarndon





Where Can I Access Support and Advice?

We have collated details of local and national organisations to help you access support and services during the coronavirus pandemic. This list will be regularly updated, and was correct at the time it was written.

- **Oasis Warndon Community Hub** - Facebook page: as typed above, email: CommunityHub@oasiswarndon.org
- **Official Government Advice Website** - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- **NHS 111 Coronavirus Service** - <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>
- **Worcestershire County Council Here2Help** - <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>
- **Worcestershire Health Visitors** - 0300 123 9551



Although our Hub House is not open access during this time our Hub team are still on site and here to help you:



Monday - 8:45am to 4:00pm
Tuesday - 8:45am to 4:00pm
Wednesday - 9:00am to 3:15pm
Thursday - 8:45am to 4:00pm
Friday - 9:00am to 3:30pm



(Please be aware that we have a very small team & might be away from the Hub House for short periods throughout the day or helping other people)

Should you require any support please get in touch by phoning **T: 01905 453530** (select option 3) **T: 07866142137** or using the contact details below. To help us protect one another we would ask that you contact us by phone, email or Facebook Messenger first. We are able to support in lots of ways remotely.

You might find it useful to follow our Facebook Page where you will find lots of useful links to other agencies as well as receive regular updates about how the Hub can help you & your family.

Please reach out to us if you need help, we are always here to listen & if our Hub team don't have the answer we have contacts with lots of other organisations that likely will!



Oasis Warndon Community Hub



CommunityHub@oasiswarndon.org

Polite Reminder:

Please ensure when you are entering and when you are on school site that a mask is worn unless you are exempt

Thank You

