31st August 2026

Dear Families

I trust you have all had a lovely summer. We are keen to welcome all the children back into school on Thursday morning. Please find in this letter some details to help a smooth start to term.

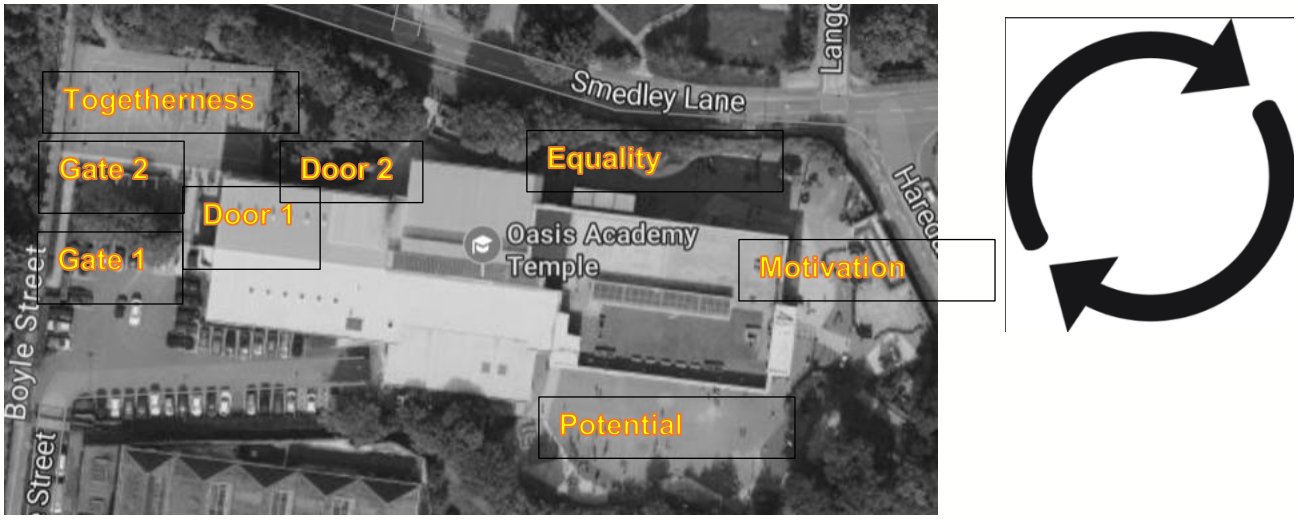
School day timings

The school gates open at 8:35 and doors to the school building open at 8:40.

The school day finishes at 3:15 (3:05 for Stepping Stones and nursery). **All children should be collected from their classes by 3:25 at the very latest.** Collection from the blue gate means collection is late; this is unfair to staff.

Places and names

We are working to use the TEMPLE values more in our school environment. The Togetherness and Potential playgrounds for example are always referred to in this way, so let's re-establish the use of Equality (the EYFS outdoor classroom) and Motivation (nursery) playgrounds too. This will also help to name the different gates and doors with numbers in a clockwise direction. The picture below shows how this starts with the Togetherness playground having Gate 1 and Gate 2, and then also Door 1 (the previous Y6 entrance) and Door 2 (the previous Y5 and 3 entrance).



Nursery – Nursery Liverpool Door on the Motivation playground.

Reception – through the classroom doors on the Equality playground

Stepping Stones – through the classroom door on the Potential playground

Year 1 – through the classroom doors on the Potential playground

Year 2 and Year 3 Bristol - the stairs by the dining hall on the Potential playground (to be known as Potential Door 1)

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Year 3 Bath, Year 3 Cardiff and Year 4 – the stairs by the nursery gate (to be known as the Motivation Door 1)

Year 5 and 6 Oxford - the stairs by the walled area of the motivation playground (to be known as Togetherness Door 1)

Year 4 Belfast, 6 London and 6 Cambridge – the downstairs door along the path from the main entrance (to be known as Togetherness Door 2)

The doors will open for collection at 3:15

(Except nursery and Stepping Stones whose school day will end at 3:05)

Nursery – Nursery Liverpool Door and Manchester door

Reception – parents collect children from classroom doors

Stepping Stones – parents collect children from classroom door

Year 1 – parents collect children from the classroom doors

Year 2 - parents collect children from inside the dining hall on the potential playground

Year 3 – parents collect children from inside the small hall

Year 4 – parents collect children from inside the large hall (door close to the main entrance)

Year 5 – parents collect children from the lines on the Togetherness playground

Year 6 – parents collect children from the lines on from the Togetherness playground

(any Year 6 children who walk home need to bring a completed form from their parents).

Parking

The space on local pavements should be for all the children and families who are walking. Please make time to park considerately away from school and walk the final distance. Our children should start their day watching and hearing adults show consideration for everyone in our local area.

Phones

Adults should not use their phones on school grounds. That means on the playground or in the school building. It is a sign of respect that all adults should follow.

Attendance

This is an area in which we need to do better as too many of our children miss too many school days**. We are starting the term with a focus on celebrating attendance with a bouncy castle on Friday this week**. You can expect to hear more about the ways we'll be building a sense of belonging in school to ensure attendance improves for everyone.

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Breakfast clubs

There is breakfast club provision at Oasis Academy Temple. Please speak to the office for further details.

After school clubs

Clubs for after school have not yet been arranged. Details will follow in the Autumn.

Uniform

The focus is on keeping uniforms affordable and suited to school life. All details are explained here Uniform - Oasis Academy Temple

Please note shoes should be completely black – uppers and soles. School is a place to be smart, not fashionable.

Uniting Uniforms

Once again, we are very fortunate to be supported by the charity, Uniting Uniforms. They are helping us by providing boxes which contain complete sets of uniform including a PE kit, They are being offered to families who find themselves struggling financially. Please contact the office for more information.

Bags

Children need their fully charged ipad, reading book and diary, water bottle and coat (with name in). Reading books for Y1 upwards will be shared before the end of the first week so practice can begin.

Staffing

We have some lovely new staff joining the Temple team this September. Please welcome Mrs Smith, our new operations manager who will work from the main office and also Miss Brewer, who joins us as a Year 5 teacher. Please also remember that there is no change of Principal, just that my name has changed to Mrs Robinson following my recent wedding.

Successful Starts

Whether your family is new to Temple for the first time, or has had links with Temple across time, I send my best to each of your young people as they start their new academic year. There will be a warm welcome for all our children here at Temple, especially those new to the school who have yet to learn what a special place Temple is. A special thought goes to the new Year 7 pupils who are so ready to start secondary school due to all their hard work and focus last year.

Best wishes

Mrs Robinson