Wednesday 15th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update: Transport to the new build from September, 2020**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and wish you all the best for 2020. Oasis Academy Leesbrook has had an excellent start to the new year!

As you are all aware, we are due to move into our fantastic new build, just off Lees Road, in September 2020. We are conscious that the Local Authority used the catchment area of the current, temporary, Middleton Road building during the admissions process, which may render difficult with transport for students travelling to the new build, from September.

I wrote to you in September to ascertain how many students would require transport from the Middleton Road area to the new build; thank you for your responses. We have spent time looking at a variety of feasible options with the trust, local authority and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM). As it stands, we have liaised with TfGM and they can offer two drop off services in the morning and one pick up in the evening.

This proposed service will pick up and drop off outside the current Academy building on Middleton Road. However, we have provided the planning team at TfGM with all of the postcodes of parents who expressed a wish for bus collection and they are currently trying to plan a route that would incorporate as many of those locations as possible, to make travel convenient for all. The proposed times for arrival at Oasis Academy Leesbrook (new site) are 7:30AM and 8:05AM (approximate) and collection at 15:50 (approximate).

We are now awaiting the finalised timetable from TfGM. As soon as we have this, we will write to you with further details and confirmation. In terms of subsidising, we are currently looking into options to support with this however, if you live 3 or more miles away from the new site, your child will be eligible for free transport to and from school, provided by the local authority (use postcode OL4 5JE to check this).

Please visit:

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/forms/form/484/en/application_for_free_school_travel_pass> for further information about applying for a travel pass.

I look forward to updating you soon with finalised information regarding transport.

Best wishes,

Mr Sam Jones

Assistant Principal