

11 June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the heart of everything we do — both here at Ormiston Rivers and across Ormiston Academies Trust — is a shared commitment to providing every student with the very best education. As part of this commitment, we are excited to be introducing a new, Trust-wide curriculum that reflects the highest standards and is designed to support excellent teaching in every classroom.

To ensure this important development is implemented successfully, we will be increasing the number of INSET (staff training) days to a maximum of **four** for the **2025/2026 academic year**. We already have two on the calendar for next year – 1<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This one-year change will provide staff with the dedicated time they need to plan, collaborate and prepare outstanding learning experiences for all students.

We understand the importance of balancing staff development with family routines, and this decision has been made with careful consideration. The additional INSET days will directly support improvements in teaching and learning — changes we believe will make a lasting and positive difference to your child's education.

As part of this, I'd like to inform you of **two additional INSET days** that will take place during the **autumn term of the 2025/2026 academic year**:

- **Friday 17th October 2025**
- **Friday 5th December 2025**

We are sharing these dates now to give you as much notice as possible and to support your planning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne Williams,  
Principal  
Ormiston Rivers Academy