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Preparing for the first day back



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PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

In here you will have practical ideas which you may wish to take so that you know the next steps and what you will need to come back. Although the school is pretty much the same (*and if you came back in June, you will be fully aware of what its like*) but there are some differences of which you will need to be aware of.

We will expect all families to closely follow all social distancing rules inside and outside of school for the safety of everybody.

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Coming into the School Site

We know drop off and collection times to be the busiest times for us. We will need all families to follow the rules for everyone's safety.

EYFS and KS1 children will come through the main visitor entrance, across the car park towards the infant slope. There are painted signs to guide you. **KS2** children will come in through the Junior gate as normal.

- Only one parent/carer can come with their children to school
- 2 metre distance must be kept at all times.
- There can be no groups or socialising.
- A one way system in and out of the school site.



Explain to your child that drop off will have to be quick. We will not be able to give the usual hugs and support.

Collecting

At the end of the day, you will meet your child on the usual Meet & Greet playground. We have painted white dots onto the floor which you need to wait on (*keeping 2m away from others*). The children will be sent over to you.



School Office

The school office is closed to all except Visitors with appointments. If you need anything, please phone or email us and we will be able to assist you.

If you need anything such as a water bottle or PE t-shirt, please email us and we will send things down to your child.

Remember, Uniform is bought online at www.uniformbase.co.uk

Team Values & Rules

Our school values are still what we will be following. The same will be for school rules. We only ever have two rules but in these times they have never been more important for all to follow:

1. Always follow adults instructions
2. Keep our hand, feet and unkind words to ourselves.

If at any time we have concern over these not being followed, we will contact you and discuss if school is the right place for your child at this time.

Speak to your child about these expectations and the importance for everyone's health.

School Uniform

Children will need to be in uniform wherever possible.

As we know, germs can live on fabric and so children will need to wear fresh clothes each day.

Explain to your child that germs are like glitter– it gets everywhere! We need to take care to not wear the same clothes as germs may be on there.

Hygiene

Your child will be washing their hands regularly at school.

They must avoid touching their mouth, nose and eyes with hands

You can help your child by showing them how to wash hands well. There are lots of nice videos online to show this.

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Bubbles

As you know, children will be in classes. They will not mix with other classes/ Years. We must still try and keep social distancing where possible.

You can explain that your child must follow this rule inside and outside school.

Being in school

Children will only be able to go into their own spaces. We have a one way system which children will need to follow.

Teach your child about directions. As you walk around, explain the way road systems work and how signs tell us what to do.

Sharing

Sharing is no longer caring! Children cannot share any equipment or other items including drinking bottles.

Children can bring in their own pencil cases , stationary and books.

Sneeze & Coughs

We obviously want to limit any spreading germs. If they need to cough or sneeze, they can use their elbow or a tissue.

If your child feels unwell at any time, they must tell an adult.

Remind your child about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

Lunches

There will only be limited menu of hot and cold packed lunches. Your child can bring their own or if you prefer.

Talk to your child about lunch. All packaged and uneaten food needs to go back into their packed lunch box.

Drinks

Your child will need their own water bottle each day. The water fountains will not be used.

Create your own check list so they don't forget anything!

PE kit

We will be doing lots of PE and being outside. Children will need their PE kits to get changed into.

Remind your child their PE can stay in school all week and then taken home to be washed at the weekend.

Curriculum

The children will be learning a range of subjects as normal. The whole school will be following a slightly revised curriculum designed to build up their behaviour for learning.

Explain that school expectations are the same as before and that their learning is the focus for them when back in school.

Feedback

As we are working in classes, normal feedback and marking will be in place. Teachers and their class TA will speak to children about their work and what went well etc.

Remind your child we will try and keep our distance too and not to take it personally!

EXPRESS events

We will not be able to have children or parents mixing in the usual Oaklands ways. We have always tried to keep things as close to normal routines as possible and this will continue. In stead of being together, we will have virtual assemblies and use technology to get in touch and share our learning.

Talk to your child about the situation means we cannot be together. For the Year 6 children, carefully explain that the usual aspects we all look forward to such as the prom and production can not happen this year.

Contacts

The contact system will remain the same. AS we will not be chatting as we used to on the Meet and Greet, we ask that parents either ring or email. The emails format says the same system, for example if you wanted Mrs Beer, it is jbeer@oaklands.medway.sch.uk

YN	L Brace		
YR	S Cullum	A Manewell	C CWard
Y1	L Gould	L Akehurst	V Manewell
Y2	J Beer	C Butler	K Luck
Y3	N Obray	T Maple	
Y4	M Shears	R Humphrey	Z Rogers
Y5	B Lynn	R Gladwell	
Y6	G Tovell	S Amir	G Bowie

The main contacts are still through the school office.

- General Enquiries office@oaklands.medway.sch.uk
- Admissions enquires admissions@oaklands.medway.sch.uk
- Attendance enquires attendance@oaklands.medway.sch.uk
- Finance enquires finance@oaklands.medway.sch.uk
- Sunrise or Sunset childcare@oaklands.medway.sch.uk

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

It is very important that when you return to school then we expect you and your family to follow all rules on social distance inside and outside of school. This is for the safety of all the children and staff.

We have set up an special email called **worrybox@oaklands.medway.sch.uk** for anyone who has any worries regarding returning to school. You can send us a message and we will try and help you with your work and explain what the school are doing for that worry.

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