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Term 2 2020 PARENT HANDBOOK

This booklet has been written to give parents an update on TERM 2 when all the children return.

Our overriding priority is the **safety and health of the children, families and staff in our community**. Everything we do has this in mind. We have already set most of the systems in school and so it will probably be familiar to you. This means that there may be rules we put in place which make things trickier. However they are there for everyone's safety and health.

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



As ever, our **Oaklands TEAM Values** will guide how we aim to return:

- Ambition** To maintain the upmost safety and wellbeing of everyone in the school community.
- Self-confidence** To develop understanding of how we are returning pupils to school safely with mind to all the medical advice and guidelines so that pupils and staff feel safe to do so.
- Perseverance** To enable all our children to continue to learn through real life and online learning if required.
- Independence** To enable all members of the school community are informed and aware of their roles and responsibilities to keep everyone safe.
- Respect** To ensure that the health and safety measures are paramount and are followed by everyone in the community.
- Enquiry** To constantly be reflecting on the latest guidance, research and also near misses and lessons learnt in school as we welcome back children.

1. The Current Situation

We have had a fantastic return to school, thanks to all the hard work of the staff, children and parents. We have continued to enjoy the learning in the school and be able to celebrate the children's successes through the express events and assemblies.

As you know, the Prime Minister has placed the country into a second lockdown. This does not affect schools and so we will remain open as normal.

What this does mean though is that everyone will have to stick to the safety measures both inside and outside of school.

PARENT QUESTIONS

Will I be fined for non attendance?

It is not automatic but the law will be back in place and so if you do not bring your child to school then the usual procedures are in place

Can my child wear a mask?

The government do not recommend children wearing masks. If you wanted your child to do so though, it would be your choice.

It is extremely important for the safety of all our community that the Government guidelines are followed at all times:

- **Stay at home unless for:**
 - Education.
 - work (*if you can not work at home*)
 - exercise
 - Shopping for basic necessities
- **You should minimise time spent outside your home**
- **when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household**
- **hands** – wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds
- **face** – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- **space** – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings or increasing ventilation indoors)
- **You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household - meaning the people you live with**

2. How will we keep children and staff safe?

The Government guidance has mainly remained the same over the term. There continues to be the following measures in place:

Minimising contact

- Anyone with symptoms will not be allowed to come into school for 7 days and their household need to self isolate for 14 days.
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with:
 - ⇒ a new, continuous cough
 - ⇒ or a high temperature,
 - ⇒ or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell
- they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'

In school

- children will wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day
- Use the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to sneezing
- Regular cleaning in school of all areas & frequently touched surfaces
- Each class having their own assigned toilets.
- Maintaining the social distancing wherever possible.
- Bubbles in place so groups do not mix, including their own play area.
- Staggered drop off, breaks and collections.
- One way system around the school to avoid crowds.

If there is a suspected case

- Child is sent home.
- Families book a test and keep the school informed.
- If it is positive, the child's bubble self isolate for 14 days.

Class 'Bubbles'

Your child has been in a 'Bubble' of their class since the start of the year– this will remain the same. The safety behind the bubble is that the children minimise contact with lots of others. They will have their own classroom, desk and equipment. Desks will be as far apart as possible and face the front of the class.

Most Bubbles are the children's class however for younger children where they are taught in small groups for their reading, they will sometimes work in small groups across their Year Group.

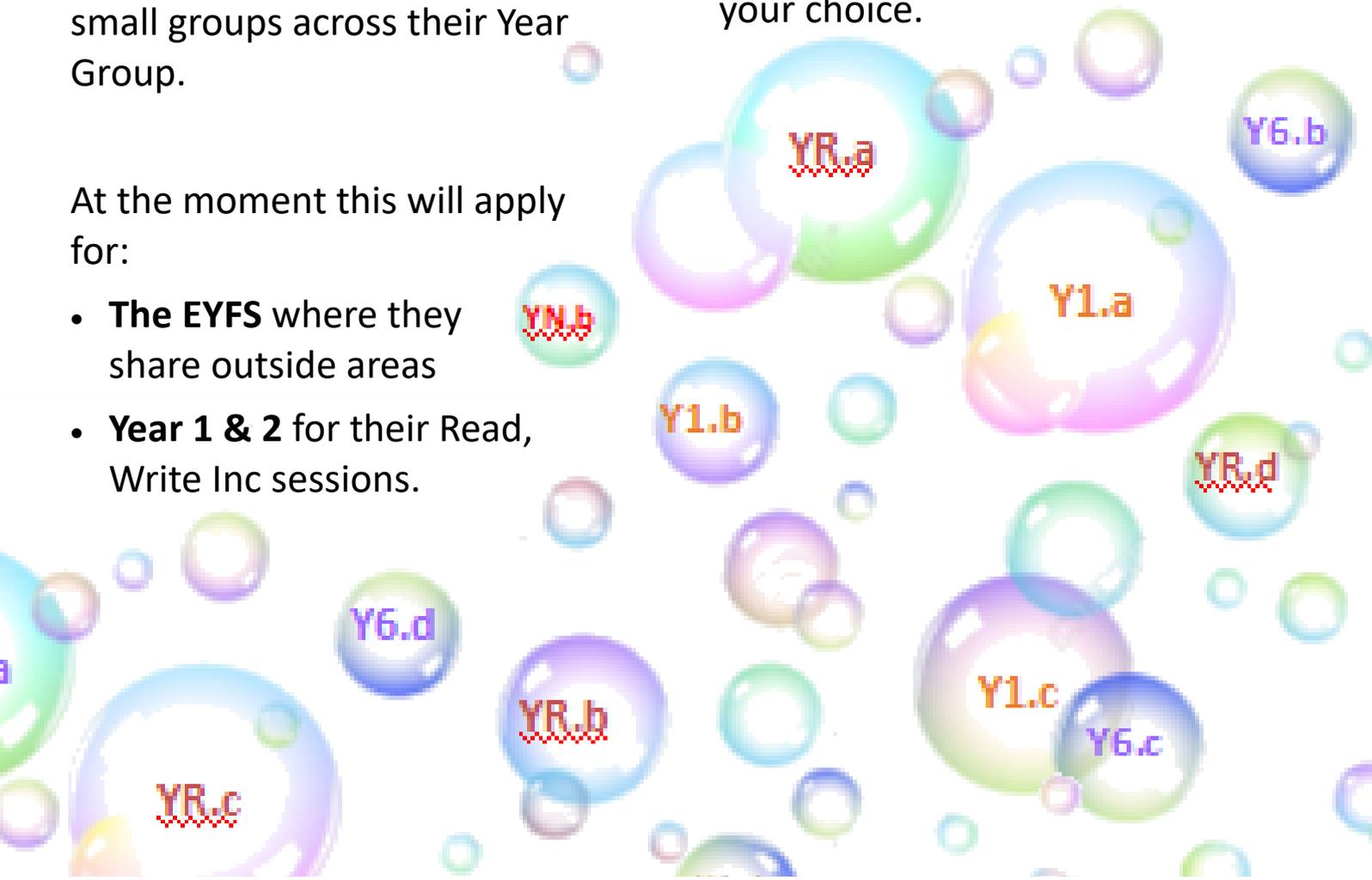
At the moment this will apply for:

- **The EYFS** where they share outside areas
- **Year 1 & 2** for their Read, Write Inc sessions.



PPE (*Personal Protective Equipment*)

The government still does not recommend the use of PPE for children. Face masks do not protect the wearer but help limit spreading to others. If you want your child to wear them, it is your choice.



Hygiene

The children will be washing their hands regularly with water and soap as well as using hand sanitiser.

We will teach children the good hygiene habits such as coughing into our elbow etc. We use the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' technique to use our elbow or tissues to catch sneezes or coughs.

Playtimes

Staying in their 'Class-Bubble' the children will have all their own play equipment and only play in their group. The groups will not meet or play together with staggered playtimes and spaces.

Symptoms

If anyone shows any signs of symptoms, they will be sent home. They will be isolated safely until a parent is able to collect them.

That person will have to isolate for 7 days and their household will have to isolate for 14 days.

POPPING THE BUBBLE

The Bubble is only strong if everyone in it follows the guidelines on social distancing in school and outside of school.

Anyone coming into the school must agree to follow the guidance at all times.

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- limit contact with other people— up to six others from different households. No limit in number of people if its just two households meeting.
- keep your distance if you go out (*1 metre 'plus'*)
- wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

STAY
ALERT 

CONTROL
THE VIRUS

 SAVE
LIVES

PARENT QUESTIONS

How many grown ups will they have?

Each class will have a class teacher and TA assigned to them. They will stay with this class and not move around with the exception of EYFS where they share outside spaces and Year 1 where they will have a RWI group.

Will they have hand soap and sanitiser?

Each classroom will have their own hand sanitiser and soap. Children will regularly wash their hands especially on entry to the classroom at the start of the day and after break times.

Will they need their own stationery?

The children will all have their own stationery provided but if you prefer to send them in with personal stationery from home, you will be welcome to do so.

Will they have interaction and be with their friends?

Children will only interact with the other children within their group and stay within their bubble. They will not see or play with anyone else outside of their group.

Will they still have to socially distance?

Yes, wherever possible, children will keep 1m plus away from others. This will be slightly more relaxed within their class but we will still encourage them to be distant.

Will there be clubs?

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs will reopen but there will be social distancing in place. Children will sit in classes and not mix with other classes.

There will be no other after school clubs at the moment.

3. What will the school day be like?

We will continue to have a staggered start although we have adapted the times due to the success of the system. Please make sure you keep as close to your times as possible and do not gather in groups around the school site.

Start of the day

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (*Infant*) children will come through the Infant Entrance and Key Stage 2 (*Junior*) children in through the Junior Gate.

- Only one parent or carer can accompany their children to school
- 1 metre 'plus' distances must be followed at all times.
- There can be no groups or socialising.
- A one way system in and out of the school site.

Staggered starts

Children will come in at different times. For families with more than 1 child, come in at the

latest time slot.

START TIMES

	EYFS & KS1	KS2
8:30	Year 2	Year 6
8.35		Year 5
8:40	Year 1	Year 4
8.45		Year 3
8:50	Year R	CLOSE
8.55		
9:00	Year N	

Staggered end

At the end of the day, the children will be collected from either the Infant Meet & Greet Playground or the Juniors. The one way systems will still be in place.

FINISH TIMES

	EYFS & KS1	KS2
14:50	Year 2	
14.55		Year 6
15:00	Year 1	Year 5
15.05		Year 4
15:10	Year R	Year 3
15:15	Year N	

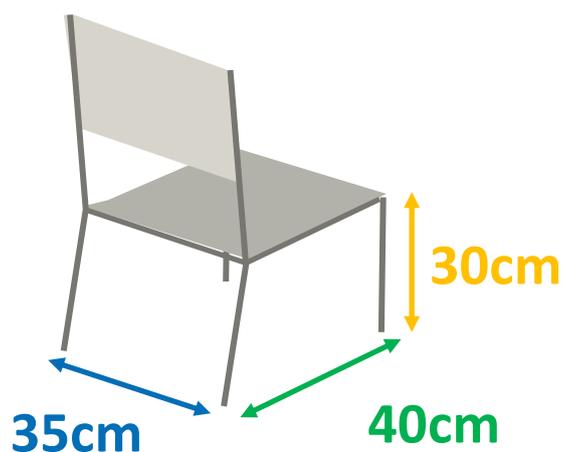
School Bag

All equipment will be kept in your child's class. Space will be limited and so all children will be limited to one school bag.

In their bag, they will have to be able to put their PE kit in and their packed lunch box. Size is limited though **and so the bag must fit**



The children will keep their school bag under the chair in their classroom so please keep it to the right size so it will fit under the chair.



- Only one parent on site.
- Be prompt and do not gather with others.
- Stay '1m plus' away from others.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

It is very important that when you return to school 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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