

All Children Returning to School *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

I just thought I would provide some reminders regarding systems and expectations ahead of all children returning to school next week.

- Any child displaying symptoms of covid-19, or living with someone who is displaying symptoms of the virus, must not attend school.
- We will continue to maintain all aspects of our Risk Assessment to keep children and staff safe as I detailed in last week's newsletter.
- All children should return to school on Monday 8th March. It is expected that all children attend school and the Government has made it clear that poor attendance must be challenged.
- All children need to wear school uniform and have a school PE kit. This should be brought in on Monday 8th March. Children will also need outdoor PE clothes e.g. joggers and a hoodie.
- We will once again have a staggered drop off and collection timetable in place to allow you to hand over and collect your child safely. We want to limit the number of parents attending school at any one time and ask that only one parent attends to ensure we can maintain appropriate social distancing and make sure you and my staff feel as safe as possible. **Please note that some of these times have changed.**

Class	Gate	Drop off Time	Collection Time
Nursery am	Nursery Gate	8.45am - 8.55am	11:45am
Nursery pm	Nursery Gate	12:30pm - 12:40pm	3:30pm
Blossom	Nursery Gate	8:55am - 9:05am	3:05pm
Pine	Pedestrian Gate	8:45am - 8:55am	3:05pm
Willow	MUGA Gate	8:55am - 9:05am	3:10pm
Sycamore	Pedestrian Gate	8:55am - 9:05am	3:15pm
Maple	MUGA gate	8:45am - 8:55am	3:15pm

- Staff, as always, will be more than happy to discuss any concerns but should be contacted via telephone initially. For the safety of everyone involved, parents will not be admitted into school during this time.
- Children who usually have a packed lunch may continue to bring this each day. We ask that parents clean all packed lunch boxes on return home with antibacterial cleaner. Children do still have the option of a school lunch and we will be providing a choice of hot lunches as we always do.
- Children must not bring any other resources to school - we will provide everything they need.
- Breakfast Club re-opens on Monday 8th March - booking forms have been sent out and must be returned by lunchtime on Friday 5th March.

- **We must be able to contact you in an emergency.** Please drop us a note if you think we may not have your current contact number: home, work or mobile.

Spring Term Reports *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

As we are still working within COVID guidelines, we are unable to offer face to face parent meetings. Your child's teacher has written a short report detailing how your child is progressing in school. These reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 8th March and we ask that if you have any questions or wish to have anything clarified, you contact school to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss these. Thank you.

Oakley Cross 'Book Day' - Friday 12th March 2021 *Article 31 - children have the right to relax and play*

This year we have postponed World Book Day to make it special for all children upon return to school. We invite all children to dress up as their favourite story character for our Oakley Cross Book Day. Each class will take part in activities to celebrate stories; hearing stories, sharing stories and writing stories in school.

Nursery Places *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

Our nursery is proving to be very popular this year. We currently provide places for children who are 2 years old and eligible for play and learn sessions and for children who are 3 years old. We also offer 30 hours provision for eligible children. If you are interested in a place, or would like more information, please contact school and we will be happy to have a chat and provide you with an application form. If you are considering us for your child's nursery provision we can add you to our waiting list.

Governor Vacancy *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor on our school governing body. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please contact school.

Dates for your Diary	
Monday 8 th March	ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
Monday 8 th March	Spring Term Reports Sent Home
Friday 12 th March	Oakley Cross Book Day
Friday 26 th March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 th April	School Term Begins

Watch out for our Welcome Back video, we can't wait to see everyone in school on Monday!

Please continue to stay home, stay alert and stay socially distanced from others outside of your household. Take care of yourselves and those around you. Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need more support, information or wish to put forward a suggestion.

Thank you.

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