



# Oakley Cross Primary School

Newsletter September 2021 Issue 1

Dear Parents/carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you have all had a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. It has been lovely to start to get to know the children and families and as the new Headteacher I'm looking forward to a happy future at Oakley Cross Primary School. The children have settled into their classes and are getting to know their teacher and new routines. There has been a very happy and calm atmosphere around school and we have all thoroughly enjoyed being with friends again.



A warm welcome to all our new pupils and families – should you have any questions about our school routines please do not hesitate to ask.

I would also like to welcome Mr Howe, who is the new Deputy Headteacher. He has already shown off his musical talent in assembly with singing and playing the piano. He will be starting a new school choir which is really exciting.

During the summer break, we have worked hard to make improvements to the school building. We have moved and improved the whole school library and have purchased new reading scheme books to support phonics teaching. These will be finding their way home very soon. We have made the first of many improvements to our Early Years provision; the new fence opens up the outdoor area for the children. As the learning environment is very important to us, we will continue to make changes throughout the year to make necessary improvements. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work over the holidays.



## Arrangements for drop off and collection

Now that there is no need to have staggered starts in schools, we have been trialling changes to the start and the end of the day.

### Morning drop off

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will continue to arrive at school from 8:45am and walk round to the yard. Children go straight into their classrooms to start the school day. Children must be at school by 8:55am for registration.

### Afternoon collection

As you know, we are currently asking you to collect key stage 1 and key stage 2 children from the yard at 3:15pm. Can we ask that you enter school via the pedestrian gate and leave through the Sports MUGA to help with congestion. Our intention is to make collection at the end of the school day safer for children and this gives you the opportunity to see class teachers if needs be. We really appreciate your support with this.

Nursery and Reception classes will continue to use the EYFS separate entrance.



Breakfast club is up and running and remains free of charge. It starts at 8:10am, there is no need to book just turn up.

All children welcome

## Covid update



We are currently not required to operate a bubble system in school. We have thoroughly enjoyed being together as a whole school as the new guidelines introduced allow for this. Many measures we had in place last year will remain in place to protect children and staff.

We will continue

- with regular hand washing
- to keep classrooms well ventilated
- to clean down desks at regular points in the day

Schools are no longer responsible for identifying close contacts of a positive case, instead these are managed via NHS track and trace. However, it is essential that school is kept up to date with positive cases or isolating for any reason. Please continue to call the school office.

In the past, once we were informed of a positive case, we identified close contacts in school and those children were sent home to isolate. Many children were affected by this. This will no longer be the case.

The new rules are

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However, anyone who is identified as a close contact is strongly advised to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. For more information please follow government guidance [‘Stay at Home Guidance’](#)

As part of the school's risks assessments we are now required to include an outbreak plan. If there is an outbreak in school it may be necessary to reintroduce measures such as bubbles, masks and social distancing. Fingers crossed this won't be necessary.

## After School Club timetable for Aut 1. A link to booking clubs will follow



Day	Club	Classes	Times	Lead	Start
Monday	Tag rugby	Maple & Sycamore *	3:15– 4:15	Mr Dixon	13.09.21
Monday	Gymnastics	Willow & Sycamore	3:15– 4:15	Outside Provider	20.09.21
Tuesday	Multi skills	Pine	3:15– 4:15	Outside Provider	14.09.21
Thursday	Choir	Pine, Willow, Sycamore & Maple	3:15– 4:15	Mr Howe	16.09.21

\*We are also taking part in a rugby league on a Wednesday. The children selected for the team have been told they are expected to attend the rugby club after school on Monday.



Children will now be required to have PE kits in school to get changed in to. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit: white T shirt, black/blue shorts and suitable PE shoes/plimsolls. See PE timetable below.

Monday	Sycamore & Willow	Thursday	Willow
Tuesday	Maple & Pine	Friday	Sycamore
Wednesday	Pine		