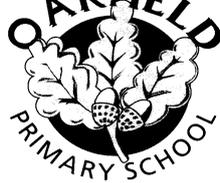


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Monday 21 September 2020

Welcome Back To Everyone

It has been truly wonderful to welcome everyone back to Oakfield PS & NU. All our children have adapted to the new routines in school exceptionally well and we are very proud of them. They are all very happy to be back and mixing with their friends and learning together in class bubbles. Our P1 pupils have made an excellent start and our Nursery boys and girls are growing in confidence daily. Thank-you to staff and parents alike for working closely together to make our 'restart' so successful during what continues to be a very unpredictable and challenging time.

Changes to arrangements from Monday 28 September 2020

From Monday 28 September 2020, we are making some changes to our provision which we hope will benefit parents further with their child/ren's school life at Oakfield PS & NU.

○ Starting times – Monday 28 September 2020

We would like to compress our starting times slightly so that our classes start at more similar times.

P1 - 9am P2 & P3 - 9.05am P4 - 9am P5 & P6 - 9.10am P7 - 9am

Please remember there is no playground supervision before 9am.

○ Finishing times will mostly remain the same as before as listed below.

P1 - 1.40pm P2 & P3 - 1.50pm P4 - 2pm P5 & P6 - 2.20pm P7 - 2.10pm

These starting and finishing times will run until Halloween (Friday 23 October 2020) and will be reviewed again in light of advice from DE, EA and the PHA for the second half term commencing Monday 2 November.

Please ensure that adults from differing households are maintaining social distancing at these times.

○ Siblings

From Monday 28 September 2020, all siblings in one family may arrive together at school from the starting time of the earliest child. Please message your children's teachers via Seesaw this week to confirm if you wish to use this facility.

○ Lunch boxes

We are happy for the children to bring lunchboxes to and from school from Monday 28 September 2020. We request that these are sanitised daily and confirm that they will not be handled by staff.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be available for all primary pupils from **Monday 28 September 2020**. Miss Davis will run our breakfast club alongside catering staff. Children attending breakfast club will be allocated a table associated with their class only. Attendance at breakfast club must be booked in advance with Mrs Craig on 02893351352 or mcraig913@c2kni.net and will run from **8am – 9am** at a cost of **£3** per day.

Reminder – only children attending Breakfast Club should be on school premises before 9.00am.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We hope to conduct parent/teacher interviews on the afternoons of **Mon 19 – Fri 23 October 2020** prior to our Halloween break. As with so many things that have had to change, we are looking at providing telephone interviews to update you on your child's progress to date. Finishing times during interview week will remain as listed above. Teachers will provide telephone interview times for their own class via Seesaw.

Request from Public Health Authority

Schools have received a formal request from PHA to gain permission from parents to share your family contact details should a positive case of COVID19 be identified in your child's class. As a GDPR controller of your data, your family contact details will only be shared with PHA for use with their contact tracing service when you have given your formal permission. Mrs Craig will email these permission slips to you this week (one per family) and we ask that you reply as soon as possible either providing consent or declining consent.

Oakfield PS & NU Data Capture Sheet

At the start of each year we update our Data Capture Form for everyone in school. This is to make sure that we have the correct information and details recorded and to give you the opportunity to update any changes that have occurred. Thank you to everyone who has already returned these. For any outstanding forms, please complete and return to Mrs Craig via email mcraig913@c2kni.net as soon as possible.

Contingency Folders

All P1-P7 pupils will bring home contingency work folders on Friday 25th September 2020. We have put together a 'contingency pack' of literacy and numeracy work for each P1-P7 child. This is only to be completed if your child's class has to isolate for up to two weeks away from school. It should be kept in a safe place and will only be used if the need arises. We feel this is a sensible step to take in the current climate, but we hope it will not be needed. All pupils should have accessed Seesaw by now, and we would anticipate that other tasks would also be uploaded online during any isolation period, providing the class teacher is well.

Holiday List 2020/2021

The holiday list for this academic year has been updated and added to our school website.

AQE 2020/2021

To take account of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Board of the Association for Quality Education (AQE) has announced that the AQE assessments will now take place on:

Saturday 9th January 2021

Saturday 16th January 2021

Saturday 23rd January 2021

The closing date for P7 applications to enter the AQE assessments is Friday 9th October 2020

(You do not need to re-register your child if you have already done so.) www.aqe.org.uk

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour

Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie