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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
& NURSERY UNIT
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Monday 4 October 2021

Current guidance on Covid procedures and measures in school

Symptoms as listed by the Public Health Agency (PHA).

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
 - A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 - A loss of or change in sense of smell or taste
1. If anyone becomes unwell with Covid symptoms in school, they must be isolated and sent home immediately. The child/adult will go for a PCR test ASAP. Tests can be booked at : <http://covid-19.hscni.net/testing/>
 2. The school will inform parents if a member of the class has tested positive in their child's class.
 3. The children in that group will continue to attend school in their 'consistent grouping'.
 4. Where the individual tests negative, they can return to their class and end their self-isolation 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.
 5. Where the individual tests positive, the Public Health Agency now take the lead in identifying close contacts. So, if your child is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted by PHA directly.
 6. As agreed by NI Executive on 9 September 2021, parents will inform the school of test results. Mr McCluskey is the data controller for Oakfield PS & NU and will adhere to all GDPR protocols.
 7. All test results should be emailed to Mr McCluskey on gmccluskey739@c2kni.net and copied to Mrs Craig on mcraig913@c2kni.net

General procedures being implemented to keep everyone safe

8. Pupils will continue to be taught in 'consistent groupings' (bubbles by another name).
9. Any pupil who exhibits symptoms associated with COVID-19 should not attend school.
10. If any child is absent from school for any reason, the school will need to be informed of the reason for their absence before they can be readmitted to school. *Ideally this should be on the morning of the first day of absence.*
11. No parents/guardians will be permitted inside our school building at this time.
12. Parents/Guardians should wear face coverings while on our school premises.
13. Parents/guardians leaving off and collecting children should remain socially distanced.
14. A drop-off container will again be placed outside our main entrance, for exchange of any necessary documentation, but we hope that most information will be exchanged electronically.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will conduct parent/teacher interviews on the afternoons of **Monday 18 – Friday 22 October 2021** prior to our Autumn half term. We are looking again at providing telephone interviews to update you on your child's progress to date. Interview times will be agreed via Seesaw. Finishing times during interview week will be slightly earlier as listed below.

P1 – 1.50pm P2 – 1.55pm P3 & P4 – 1.50pm P5 – 1.55pm P6 & P7 – 1.50pm

Flu vaccination information

P1 – P7 children will have received information from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust about the upcoming flu vaccinations. Further general advice from NHSCT has been placed on the news section of our school website. Our school nurses are hoping to complete the P1-P7 flu vaccinations on the morning of **Friday 22 October 2021**.

Nursery Unit - dates for your diary

We're delighted to announce some wonderful additional experiences planned for our Nursery Unit children and parents during October

Thursday 7 October - Music Makers' Sponsored March!

Wednesday 13 October - Jo Jingles

Thursday 14 October - Stay and Play - Book Trail - Mrs Wylie's class

Friday 15 October - Stay and Play - Book Trail - Mrs Keaveney's class

Friday 15 October-- Pilates

Dinner Money

School dinners should be paid for on Monday morning of each week. We again appeal that every effort is made to send the correct money in a named envelope with the days of the week your child requires dinner clearly marked. School dinners cost £2.60 per day. Unfortunately, we are still receiving quite a number of high value notes which require change to be given. This has become increasingly difficult to achieve and there may be a delay in processing change. We are currently investigating online cashless systems to assist with parental payments.

RAF Wings Appeal

This year we will again be supporting the RAF Wings Appeal. Each class will be provided with their own previously quarantined box of 'Wings Appeal' badges with suggested donation of £1. Available from **Tuesday 5 October 2021**.

Carrickfergus Foodbank Appeal

We have again liaised with the Carrickfergus Foodbank (CFB) and are proud to be supporting this vital cause in the weeks ahead as our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. Please find details below of how you can help. Each year group has been allocated an item identified by CFB and we ask that all donations be made by **Friday 15 October 2021**. All donated items will be safely quarantined before forwarding to Carrickfergus Foodbank. Many thanks in advance for your continued support at a time when so many are continuing to find providing basics for their families challenging.

Autumn half term holiday

Oakfield Primary School & Nursery Unit will be closed from **Monday 25 October until Friday 29 October 2021** for Autumn half-term and will reopen on **Monday 1 November 2021 @ normal times**.

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie

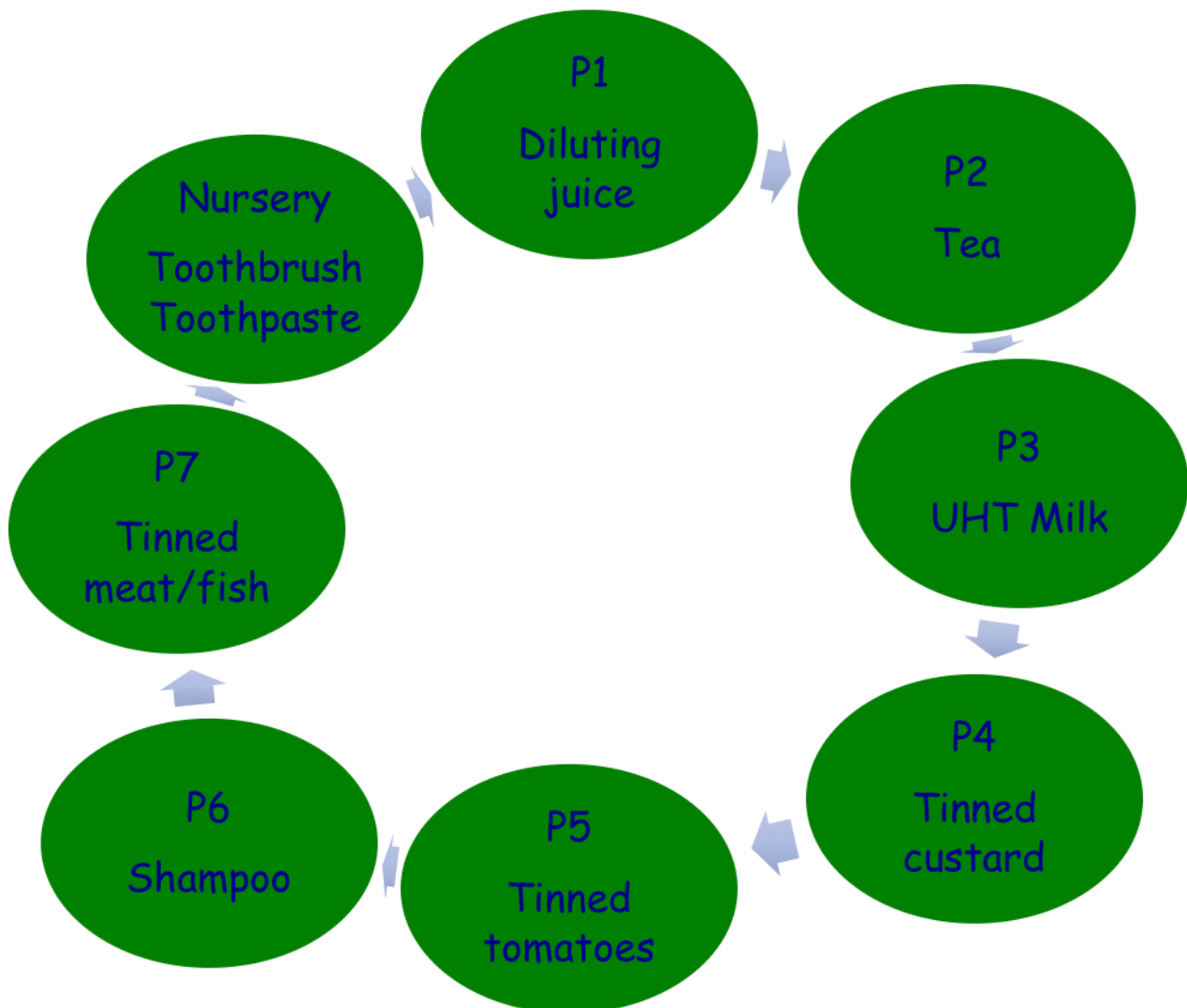
We NEED you. Can you HELP?



For harvest thanksgiving we have decided to support the local Carrickfergus foodbank. This foodbank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis and it is part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network.



Each year group has been allocated with an item to bring into school by FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2021.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated.