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Dear Home

We will be moving into larger bubbles in September following the latest government guidelines. We would like to reassure you that the strict risk assessment, cleaning and rules will remain in place to ensure school is the safest place we can make it!

Although there has been a relaxation of the social distancing requirements for children, we will be upholding these for adults in schools and securing the school day for the least amount of mixing possible. We feel this enables us to be extra vigilant in our approach to reopening. We have prepared a video for you to explain our basic routines:

Video available to view is here:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBZJbcJ4jhg>

So how will it look in September?

We will have 4 bubbles:

- **BUBBLE 1:** EYFS – this is Nursery and Reception children and they will be based in the EYFS area. (Ladybirds, Grasshoppers, Bumblebees)
- **BUBBLE 2:** KS1 - this is our Year 1 and 2 children and they will be based in the KS1 area of the school. (Butterflies, Caterpillars, Centipedes, Dragonflies)
- **BUBBLE 3 & 4:** Lower KS2 – this is our year 3 and 4 children (Bubble 3) and upper KS2 – this is our year 5 and 6 children (Bubble 4) and they will be based in the KS2 area of the school. (Rabbits, Foxes, Hedgehogs, Robins, Owls, Badgers, Hawks, Eagles)

To support a smooth transition back to school, we are staging the children's return:

Wednesday (2nd September) - we will be welcoming back our nursery and reception children and Years 1, 2 and 3. (A separate logistics letter has been sent to parents of Reception children).

Thursday (3rd September) – All year groups back in school as we will be welcoming back Years 4, 5 and 6. (alongside our nursery, year 1, 2 and 3 children).

Friday (4th September) – All year groups back in school.

Arriving at school

Phase 1	Gates	Entrance
BUBBLE 1- EYFS (Nursery & Reception children) ** Lunch will be served in this bubble area from 11.30am-12.30pm (or as detailed in your Reception induction logistics letter for the first week)	Nursery: Front door of Nursery To arrive no earlier than 8.50am for a 9.00am start Reception: Beeches gate Gates opening at 8.40am for an 8.45am start Finish time is 3.00pm	Nursery: Front door of Nursery, Longmeadow Road Reception: arrive at the channel provided on the playground (or to the place as detailed on your induction logistics letter for the first week)
BUBBLE 2 KS1 (This is year 1 & 2 children)	Beeches gate To arrive NO earlier than 8.50am for a 9.00am start Finish time is 3.00pm	Arrive at the channel provided and await teacher collection – You will be lining up in channels on our MUGA on our playground.
Bubble 3 LOWER KEY STAGE 2 (This is year 3 and 4 children)	Beeches gate To arrive NO earlier than 9.05am for a 9.15am start Finish time is 3.30pm	You will be entering using DOOR C . There will be line up channels provided outside this door.
BUBBLE 4 Upper KS2 (This is year 5 and 6 children)	Lansdowne Road gate To arrive NO earlier than 9.05am for a 9.15am start Finish time is 3.30pm	You will enter through your classroom's BACK doors on entry.

Please adhere to the timings allocated in the table above. We must ask parents to be prompt on timings to ensure we have no congestion.

There will be a clearly marked 'one way' IN / OUT system from the Beeches gate entrance which will utilise our running track. We ask parents to use the running track as you **COME INTO** the school premises (through the beeches gate and turn left) and to use the "main" path directly up to the playground on your **WAY OUT** of the school premises.

We ask parents to drop off their children and vacate promptly so that congestion is kept to a minimum. We also urge parents not to congregate around the perimeter of the school after drop-off and collection to ensure the safety for all.

If you have more than one child at the school, please follow the younger child's routine. For pick-up at the end of the school day, we will ensure the older sibling(s) are sent down to the relevant channel for collection.

If you have a childminder collecting at the end of the school day, can you please ask them to contact the school directly so that we can sort out the logistics with them.

Some examples: -

If you have a child in Reception and a child in Year 4: -

At 8.40am, bring your children through the Beeches gate entrance using the running track to get to the playground. Take your Reception child to the designated channel (bubble 1). Your year 4 child will make their own way through door C into the bubble 3 area.

If you have a child in Nursery, a child in year 1 and a child in year 5: -

At 8.50am, bring your children to the Nursery door entrance located at the front of the school on Longmeadow. You will then walk your year 1 and year 5 child around to the Beeches gate entrance using the running track to get to the playground. Take your year 1 child to bubble 2 on the MUGA area of the playground. Your year 5 child will make their own way through to the back door of their classroom.

To summarise: -

If you have more than one child at the school, please arrive and collect at your youngest sibling's timings.

Collection will be from the same channel as drop off

THE CURRICULUM:

We will be supporting the children with their return through a specially designed curriculum from our teachers, the RETURN, REDISCOVER & RECONNECTION curriculum. Alongside this, the pastoral team will also be supporting with intervention and coaching support.

Children are now able to bring bags back into school including PE kits.

LUNCHES:

The children will be offered a choice of a hot meal, a sandwich option or they can bring in their own packed lunch. Please ensure you send in a clearly named water bottle and a healthy snack each day. We are asking parents to provide a snack for all children as the "School Fruit & Vegetable Government Scheme" cannot guarantee a service in September for those children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. When we have an update on this, we will send out a communication.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a universal infant free school meal.

There are two types of free school meals; Government (benefit related) and Universal infant free school meals. You don't have to apply for universal infant free school meals. However, for your child's school to recognise who is eligible, and who qualifies for government free school meals for funding purposes, we encourage all parents who meet the eligibility criteria to apply. Further information can be found at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/>

WRAPAROUND CARE:

This will be restarting, and we are very excited to be able to offer this to our families again. We are working closely with Tara Thomas who runs the Bayston Hill After School and Holiday Club (BHASHC) to ensure where possible, the mixing of children is kept to a minimum.

We are finalising the logistics and further information will be sent out to you before the end of term so that you can plan and book childcare ready for the Autumn term.

If you have any questions or queries in relation to this please email:- return@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming our children and families back in September

With best wishes

The Oakmeadow Team