



Oakwood Primary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, we have been very impressed with how well they have settled back into routines and expectations. For many children it will be a term of firsts as we gradually revert back to more 'normal' school organisation. It has been wonderful to see how happy the children are to be back with friends and enjoying spending time learning and playing together throughout the day.

Routines

As you are probably aware bubbles have now finished, and parents and children can use the normal entrances to enter the school grounds and class pods. However, with the current Covid infection rates still high in the South West, Plymouth has been designated as an Enhanced Response Area. With that in mind we are still remaining vigilant, children and staff will still be sanitising and washing their hands throughout the day and respecting the space between one another.

We ask, as a community, that you also respect this when dropping off and collecting your children with our staff as well. Should you need to pass a message on for your child, we continue to ask that you either share with a member of staff supervising on the playground or email or phone the school. If you are invited to attend a meeting in school you will be asked to wear a face covering (mask or visor) and sanitise your hands at the reception.

End of school

When waiting to collect your children at the end of the day, can you please continue to wait behind the red line or fence area please. This is because we are keeping the windows open to aid ventilation in the classrooms. This means that when parents, carers and toddlers are chatting outside while they are waiting, this is very distracting for the children in class as they complete their end of day learning tasks. Once the doors are open you can then move closer to collect your child. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PE kits

Children no longer need to come into school wearing their PE Kit on PE days. Please can you ensure that all children have their PE kits in school, which will be kept on their cloak peg. The PE kit bag can be kept in school so that it is readily

available for any active sessions that take place across the week. **Please make sure that all items in the PE Bag are clearly marked with your child's name.**

Parent pay and paying for school meals/breakfast club

A reminder to all in KS2, but particularly those in Year 3, that school dinners must be paid for via Parent Pay (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals). All parents should have their parent pay account set up, this is vitally important because this is how emails are shared with you from school.

We continue to ask, for those parents who are using our breakfast club, that you book your child/ren in via the parent pay system and ensure that you have paid for this in advance.

Scaffolding

You will have noticed the scaffolding around the school building as part of the premises work taking place on the roof. Please take due care and attention around the scaffolding, remind your children to walk around the poles and not under them and ensure that your child does not climb on the scaffold.

Carpark

The carpark remains closed to parents. Please do not use the carpark during drop off and pick up time. Thank you.

We will email out our first newsletter next Friday. Thank you to all the parents and carers for ensuring that the children look so smart at the start of the term. It's been a busy 3 days for everyone, enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards



Mrs. J Sparrow
Head of School