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Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Thursday, 8th October, Years 3-6 will be participating in the house cross country meeting, which will take place at the Stanley Parker playing fields area of Bayston Hill.

This has been an event which we have run for the past couple of years with great success and the children very much look forward to it. In the current climate, we may not be able to take the children on many trips or events this term, however this is one outing we feel, following thorough research and risk assessment procedures, that we will be able to run safely. This is in line with the Guidance for full opening: schools document published by the DFE:

Educational visits

In the autumn term, schools can resume non-overnight domestic educational visits. ... This should be done in line with protective measures, such as keeping children within their consistent group, and the COVID-secure measures in place at the destination. Schools should also make use of outdoor spaces in the local area to support the delivery of the curriculum. As normal, schools should undertake full and thorough risk assessments in relation to all educational visits to ensure they can be done safely. As part of this risk assessment, schools will need to consider what control measures need to be used and ensure they are aware of wider advice on visiting indoor and outdoor venues. Schools should consult the health and safety guidance on educational visits when considering visits.

To mitigate risk, we are asking that there are **no spectators** on site during the event. As well as sharing this request within the school community we have contacted the Parish Council who have asked online for public to stay away from the fields during the allotted hours.

Following morning registration as usual, each class will then walk up to this area with members of staff following usual procedures. They will be following a route which takes them out of the school grounds; however, this is fully risk assessed and supervised at all points. To mitigate risk from a Covid perspective, staff will lead the children on a one way route. Bubbles will walk to the site separately and will remain so whilst completing the activity – the distance is approximately 1 mile long. Hand sanitizing will take place prior and after the event. Members of staff will be acting as marshals all the way around the course to ensure the local public are aware of the event taking place and the risk mitigation measures we have established. The route has been planned so that all children will be visible to staff at all times.

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In order to get there for the planned timings, children are being asked to come into school on Thursday with their PE kit on, as well as warm clothing to wear for the walk up and back and for when they are not running. Suitable trainers to run in are essential given the recent weather and likely conditions underfoot. Any medication such as asthma inhalers and spacers are also essential as is normal school practice. Please could children bring to school a change of clothes and footwear this day should their trainers get muddy.

As this is part of the curriculum expectations and during a school day no further consent is required; however, if you do have any concerns or you envisage your child having a problem please contact myself on 01743 875020 or email admin@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk marking it for the attention of **Mr Ostermeyer cross country**.

Thank you for your support in what should be a lovely event for the children.

Yours sincerely

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