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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well and that you have enjoyed the hot and sunny week!

Next week, we are able to bring back some more bubbles of children. This will be children in year one. We are in communication with families with children in year one and they will be starting back from Wednesday 1st July. Unfortunately we do not have capacity to open more widely to any more children, we have used all staff and all rooms available to us and simply do not have the space nor the people to bring any other year groups back for the remainder of the summer term.

We hope you enjoy this weeks' assembly message and staff message on the theme of celebrating diversity. On the next page you can read more about this and find an online library resource celebrating diversity. You can always leave us a message on our school blog about the staff message...

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/blog>



As we move towards the end of term I know many parents will be wanting to know more about September, what will it be like, who will be teaching my child and what class will they be in. The government announced recently its desire for all children to return to school in September and we are waiting for their guidance to be published so we can start to plan for what this will be like for OGPS. Supporting a smooth and positive transition is more important than ever and in future newsletters I will be able to share more details with parents once we ourselves know more!

Stay safe and take care of each other.

My very best wishes to you all.

Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher

Celebrating Diversity at OGPS...

We have a proud history of celebrating our rich diversity. Being a school with members from so many different backgrounds makes us a stronger school community. We believe in promoting mutual respect, but more than that, creating a real sense of understanding that we have far more in common than the things that might make us different!

If one group in our community needs our help or support, then that is what we must do, help each other to move our school community and our world closer to where we are all treated equally, no matter our background or colour.

We are always looking to how our school and how our curriculum can best reflect the children at OGPS. Now more than ever, our children need to see their backgrounds reflected in all we do.

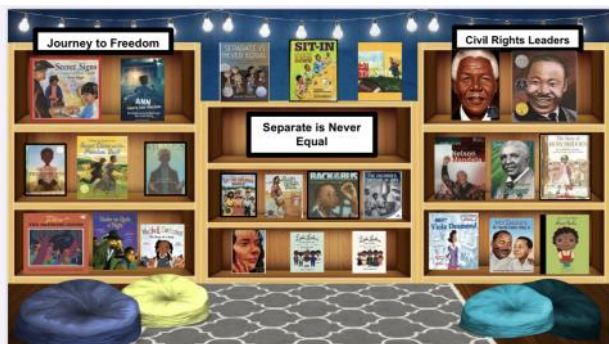
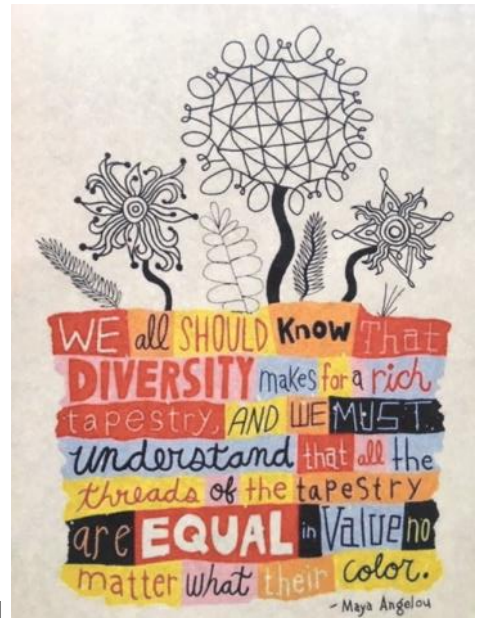
A great place to start is making sure that the stories we share with each other, in school and at home, which represent our whole school community. Below is a link to an online library of books filled with stories and messages celebrating the theme of diversity.

Virtual Library Celebrating Diversity

If you click the link below copy and, it will take you to a virtual library as shown in photos below. If the link doesn't work, please copy and paste the link into your browser.

<https://bit.ly/bameedvirtuallibrary>

Then, click on a book and it will take you to a person reading that book for you, there are lots to choose from!



OGPS Gate Update...

The installation of our new gates is nearly complete. We are awaiting two side fences and last minute tweaks to the communication system to make sure it is working perfectly! Latest pictures of the front of the school...

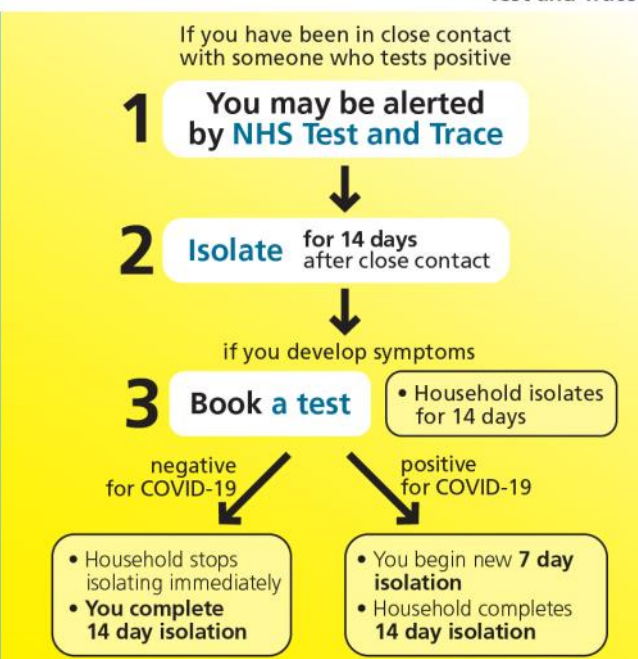
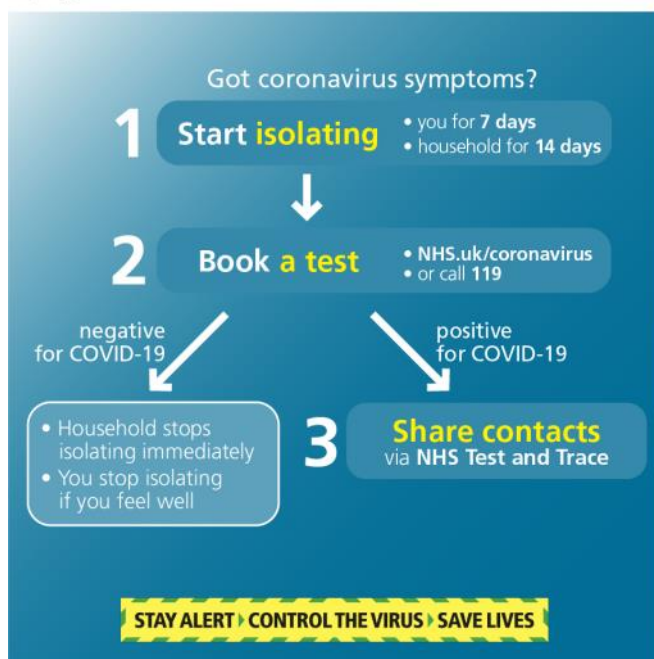


Test, Trace & Tracking...

Anyone with a fever or a new continuous cough or a change in their sense of smell should not be in school but should go home, stay at home and request a test. The rest of their household should also self isolate while waiting for the test results.



Test and Trace





Postcards to the Future...

Mrs Palinda, our Arts Leader, has arranged for us to take part in an exciting project called Postcards to the Future with a group called A New Direction. It is all about creating a legacy of information for children to read in the future about the challenging time we are currently going through.



Please see the separate sheets of information which give you all the details you need to take part. If you want to get involved, contact them directly, but do send us a copy of your contribution for our own school records and time capsule that we will be creating.

Have fun communicating with the children of the future!

Postcards to the Future

<https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/postcards-to-the-future/for-young-creatives>

Challenge One Summary - See separate document sent to parents for more details

Portraits (without faces!)

Challenge #1 - Outline

Portraits are pictures of People. Self-portraits are pictures of you, made by you.

Portraits tell us something about a person. Many portraits show a face, but portraits can tell us a lot more about a person than what they look like.

Take a portrait of yourself or someone else in your household without showing their face! This will be the front of your postcard.

Challenge Two Summary - See separate document sent to parents for more details

Objects Over Time

Challenge #2 - Outline

Take a series of photographs about 'change' and write a postcard.

Objects and spaces change over time: A flower left in a vase will open up and then slowly start to wilt until its petals have fallen off. Your kitchen changes throughout the day. At night, it is quiet while everyone sleeps. By the morning, it is busy as breakfast is made and the day begins. Take lots of pictures of one object or a space to see how it changes.

Travel to OGPS for when we open more widely...



As we welcome children back to school, please consider walking to drop offs and pick ups where possible.

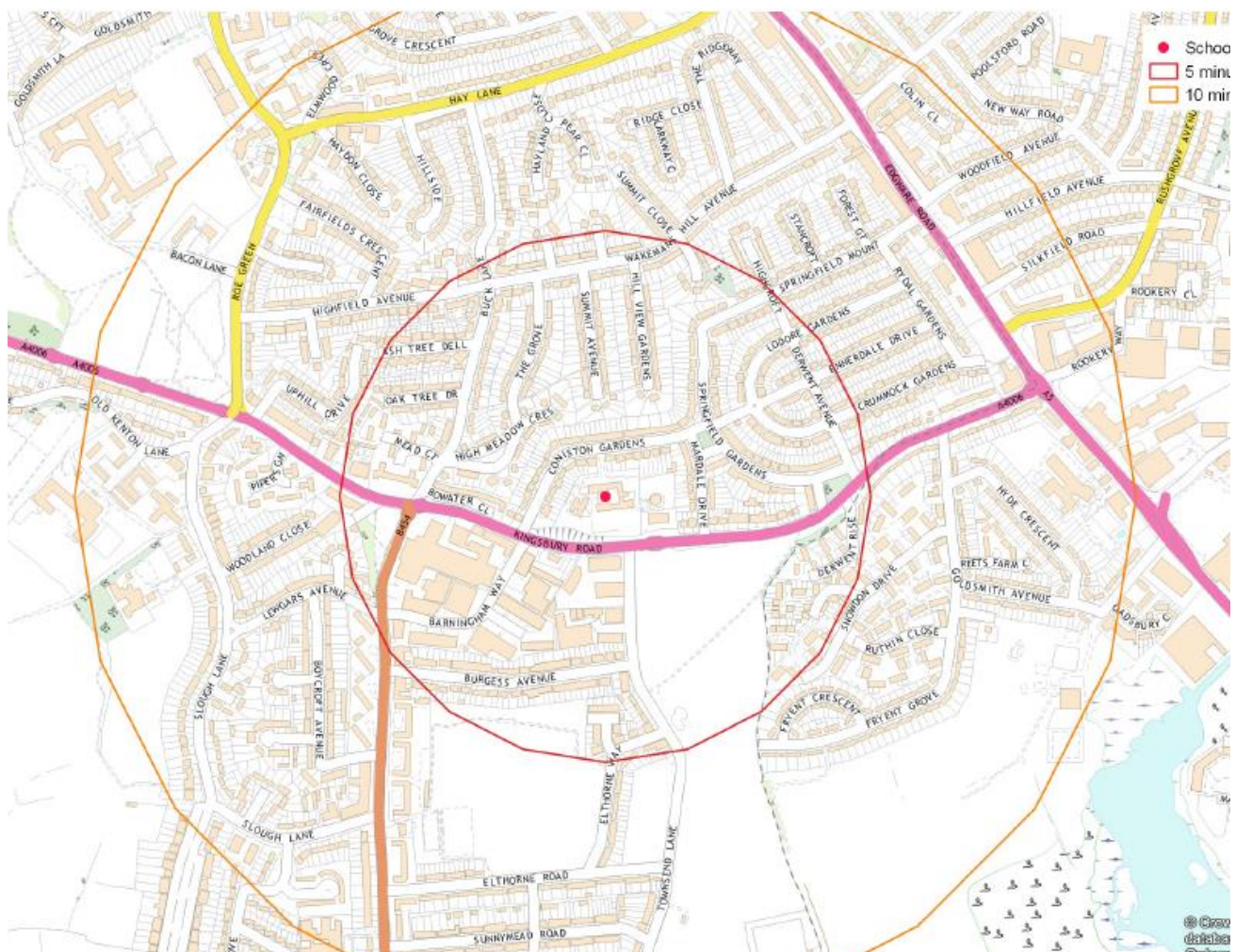
We are extra mindful of safety and having fewer cars around the school will help us cut congestion. Plus, it's fun and healthy.

If you MUST drive, please park away from the school site and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes.

Children will not be able to access our bike and scooter areas due to the layout of our school site, If you want you child to scoot or cycle to school, parents will need to be ready to take them home after drop off.

TfL have released guidance about using face masks. For up to date travel guidance from TfL, please visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

The walking map below show the 5minute and 10minute walking time distances from around our school site. Please walk to school and do not drive.



IT'S COOL TO
WALK TO SCHOOL!



Don't Forget - Keeping in touch with you...



Emails...

Class email addresses are up and running to receive your photos, messages and work. Please use the email to...

1. Send in pictures of you or your work that you would like us to upload to the class pages on the school website so you can see each other. If you send a photo of yourself, please don't have your name visible in the picture.
2. Send a piece of writing or topic work to your class teacher to have a look at. Teachers will then be able to email back with some feedback about your work. We will look to share what we call two stars and wish - two great things you did and then a wish about what you might do next time to improve. Teachers will do their very best to respond to emails as quickly as they can. Please be patient as there will be many messages to get through! Each teacher is in a different situation and we ask you to respect that it may take some staff longer to reply than others. We will be doing our best given our different circumstances.

We have also added email addresses for French & Music...

music@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk

Mrs McNeil

french@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk

Mademoiselle Dardenne

Here are the email addresses to reach your child's class teacher...

NU@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
RM@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
RP@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
1B@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
1O@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
2AJ@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
2D@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
3L@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
3P@olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk
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Miss Nanjee
Mrs Miller-Henry
Mrs Polewcyk
Ms Brown
Miss Omar
Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Varsani
Mrs Dhall
Mrs Luke
Mrs Palinda
Miss Beck
Mrs Modha
Mr Crawford
Mr Leventhall
Mrs Shewell
Mrs Schlichter

School Blogs...

You can leave a comment about our staff messages using our school blog...

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/blog>

We hope these ways of communicating will help you to feel closer to us and more connected to the OGPS community. If you need to contact a senior leader, Mr Simmons, Headteacher, Mrs Dean, Deputy Headteacher or Miss Patel Acting Assistant Headteacher, please call or email the main school office; we are here for you.

How school events are being affected and our planning for the future...



Y6 Leavers Assembly: We will put on a special event in the autumn term and invite our current year six pupils back to the school so we are able to say a proper goodbye to them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this challenging time.

Weds 1st July:	Y1 Bubbles return to school
Mon 6th July:	French Day at School and at Home!
Weds 8th July:	Sports Day Experience for bubbles in school and for children at home
Thurs 9th July:	In school theatre experience for Y6 bubbles—one of our leavers' traditions!
Thurs 9th July:	End of Year School Reports posted home to all parents
Friday 10th July:	Letter home about September 2020
Mon 13th July:	Annual Sports Celebration Assembly - via our YouTube Channel
Thurs 16th July:	Deadline for parents to return surveys and response forms to school
Thurs 16th July:	Y6 Leavers Assembly - via our YouTube Channel
Fri 17th July:	End of School Year Assembly - via our YouTube Channel

Term Dates for 2019-20

Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020
(with 20th & 21st July as CPD days)

NOTE: Children finish school year on Friday 17th July

Term Dates for 2020-21

Autumn Term: Weds 2nd Sept to Fri 18th Dec 2020 (with 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sept as CPD days)
Children (Y1-6) start on Monday 7th Sept
Half term week Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th Oct 2020

Spring Term: Monday 4th Jan 2021 to Weds 31st March 2021 (with 4th Jan as CPD Day)
Children return to school on Tuesday 5th Jan 2021
Half term week: Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb 2021

Summer Term: Monday 19th April 2021 to Fri 23rd July 2021
Children return to school on Tues 20th April 2021
Half term week Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
Children break up for the summer holiday on Friday 23rd July

To confirm the Staff Training days (CPD days) are as follows for 2020-21

- Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Friday 4th September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 19th April 2021

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2021-22 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2020 as soon as they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.



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