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Dear Parents & Carers,

A big thank you to all parents and families for your support, positive messages, patience and understanding through what has been a very challenging school year.

Supporting children with home learning is not easy but it has been lovely to see the work which was emailed into teachers that was completed at home.

The staff team are also very appreciative of the individual messages, the cards and gifts that have been sent in.

I do want to say a special thank to the staff team for all they done this year. I also want to thank our Board of Governors for grappling with the challenging decisions that needed to be made. Their support of me, the staff, the school, children and families has been unwavering. Our Chair of Governors has written to all parents, it was emailed out yesterday.

As usual, we are not setting home learning for the summer holiday but all the home learning from previous weeks will remain on our website for families to access should they wish to access it. You also already have a book with some English, maths and science activities should you wish to use them.

If you wish to contact the school, from Monday 20th July, please use the main school admin email address.

Plans are in place for September and can be found on pages 2/3/4. Governors will be meeting near the end of the holiday to review the situation in light of any national or local developments. Plans may need to change and I will write to parents again on Tues 1st September.

We say a special farewell to our year six pupils as they leave us to move to high school. We wish them every success for the future. If your last child is leaving us, we know this marks the end of a long partnership with us; thank you for your support during your time as part of the OGPS family.

We cannot wait to welcome you all back in September! Until then, stay safe, take care of each other and have a great summer break. My very best wishes to you all.

Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher

(ps thank you Mrs. McGrath & key worker team for the wonderful school mosaic)



What will September 2020 be like...



The school will **reopen to all our children on Monday 7th September** as per our planned dates already shared with parents. New families joining us in Nursery and Reception will have different start dates which will be shared with them directly. Staff will complete three days of staff training from Weds 2nd September to prepare for the school year.

The government has confirmed that attendance from September is COMPULSORY. You will need to call the school office to report reasons for non-attendance.

The school will continue to look and operate differently from September as we implement plans to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19 in our school community. Plans in place will include...

- Children remaining in consistent bubbles.
- Staggered start and finish times.
- Increased hygiene measures including handwashing.
- Breakfast club and afterschool club will **NOT** operate in the first half term as this would comprise the bubbles we are creating.
- No other clubs will run in the first half term.
- No large gatherings of children—no assemblies will take place.
- Y4 swimming and offsite educational visits will **NOT** take place.
- All the above will be reviewed in the first half term. Our plans may change over the course of the year.
- Extra cleaning on site on a daily basis.

Holidays and Quarantine....

Coronavirus regulations mean that you must **self-isolate for 14 days** if you arrive in the UK from a country outside the **common travel area**. If you travel abroad during the school holidays you will need to be aware that you ***MIGHT*** need to isolate depending on the country you have visited before your child can return to school. With children returning on Mon 7th Sept, this would mean you would need to be back in the country by the end of Sunday 23rd August for the 14 day period of isolation to take place.

You can find up to date guidance on which countries have travel corridors, which countries are except and which countries would mean you would need to isolate. The guidance does change so we urge parents to keep up with the latest information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

If your child or someone in your household has Covid symptoms...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus>

We want to remind families that if children or a member of the household has Covid related symptoms your child **SHOULD NOT** come to school. You should isolate and book a test for your child and members of the household as soon as you are able. We encourage all families to engage positively with the test and trace government initiative.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

If your child develops Covid related symptoms whilst they are at school...

If this happens we will contact parents as a matter of urgency and parents will need to collect children from the school as quickly as they can. This is in line with DfE / PHE guidance.

Start times, finish times and gates/entrances to use at OGPS in Sept...



From Monday 7th September, these are the arrangements for the start and end of the school day. On the first morning, one parent can bring their child into the playground to wave them off to their new class but from Tuesday 8th Sept, parents will need to drop children at the school gate.

- Each year group will have a 10min time slot for arriving and departing to reduce numbers at our school gates at any one time.
- Year groups will be given one gate that they must use when they arrive and leave.
- Only one parent should drop off or collect children to help reduce numbers.
- We ask that parents walk rather than park outside our gates to again reduce congestion.
- Parents must be punctual to avoid overcrowding.
- In the mornings, at drop off, parents will drop children at school gates.
- In the afternoons at pick up time, parents can come into the site and wait in the playground to reduce congestion at our gate areas. We will show you where to wait. Please socially distance from others when you are in the playground.
- Parents must only enter the building if they have an appointment.
- Teachers will be in the playground each morning to welcome their class, before taking them to wash their hands and enter the building.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Which Gate?</u>	<u>Drop off Time</u>	<u>Collection Time</u>
Year 1	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.40-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 2	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.30-8.40	3.30-3.40
Year 3	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 4	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40
Year 5	Kingsbury Rd Gate	8.30-8.50	3.20-3.30
Year 6	Coniston Gdns Gate	8.40-8.50	3.30-3.40

- Year 1 & Y2 children will use the normal KS1 door after washing their hands.
- Year 3/4/5 children will use the Y5 door after washing their hands.
- Year 6 children will use the door next to our school library, they will sanitise their hands when they arrive and wash their hands when they reach their classroom.

Break Times and Lunchtimes

- We will have a rota timetable for breaks and lunchtimes to reduce over crowding.
- Only one year group will be outside at any one time, the playground will be split in half so each class has a clear space to play in. Classes will not mix in the playground to protect their class bubbles.
- Children will eat lunch in their classrooms as the dining hall will have been demolished!
- Lunchtime play will be the same as break time play and on a rota timetable.

What to bring to School?

- Children will only need to bring their packed lunch to school and a water bottle.
- Children should also bring a coat to wear as needed for the autumn weather!
- Children do not need to bring in pencil cases – we will supply them with equipment each.
- Children do not need to bring in bags.
- We will give further information about whether to bring PE kits into school 1st Sept.
- PE lessons will take place but we need to review changing arrangements.



Personal Items and PE kits left in school from this year...

All personal equipment, PE bags, books etc from your child's current class will move up into their next classroom. Children's personal belongings will be sent home on Monday 7th September.



OGPS Curriculum for Sept 2020

As per government guidance, children should continue to access a broad and balanced curriculum. We will have a focus on key skills of reading, writing and maths but this does not mean that children will not have the chance to learn through the full variety of subjects across the OGPS curriculum.

Our curriculum will have a number of elements...

- Catch up focus—what are the key skills that children missed during the school closure. It would be impossible to teach the new year and half the previous one so we will need to quickly establish pupils key learning gaps so we can close them.
- Recovery focus—this is where we will focus on supporting children's pastoral needs, their mental health and wellbeing as they settle back into school routines. Children have been through a great deal since March and will respond in different ways when we return to school. We want our children to feel safe, happy and listened to.
- New Curriculum for their new year—children will be moving onto new skills and subject knowledge at the same time as revisiting past learning. Much of the national curriculum works as spiral, with key ideas revisited and built on over time.
- A sense of fun—our curriculum and wider provision has always and must continue to create a sense of fun, enjoyment and engagement, create memorable moments and inspire in our pupils a love of learning. This is at the heart of the school's ethos and we must work hard to ensure it remains in place.

How will the school use its resources to support children in the coming year?...

The Board of Governors had already planned to put in extra staff in the school in the autumn term with two additional part time teachers so that children in key year groups can benefit from experienced teachers.

You will have heard that the government has pledged £1 billion to schools made up of...

1. £650 million to support catch up programmes
2. £350 million to create a national tutoring programme

At present we still do not know what our allocation will be from the first pot but based on other grants we have received I would expect us to gain around approx. £30,000. Whilst this will a significant sum of money for the school, in reality it doesn't even cover the cost of the salary of one teacher for one year. We will need to be creative with how we spend our money so it benefits all our children!

The second pot of money will be aimed at supporting disadvantaged children in Y6 through a tuition programme. It is most likely that children who have free school meals or have had them in the last six years will be the children who will gain from this initiative. Also, the pot covers 75% of the costs and schools need to find the additional 25% of money themselves.

We have much work to do next year and will need to fund much of it ourselves! But we





We have some very talented children in our school and some delighted us with a song they wrote about leaving OGPS. Here are their poignant lyrics...

Year 6 Leavers Song : Class of 2020

Written by Year 6 Pupils...

We've been in this school for so long,
It's time we go to bed,
so many emotions in my head
Hoping not many tears will b' shed

Yeah I don't wanna leave my classmates, I don't wanna leave the school
I been thinking of my teachers as I think they're really cool
Why do we have to leave, I really do not like it
I tried to do my best, but you know that I'm not perfect
I don't want to stay at home, I just want to go to school
I want to get an education, so I won't become a fool
I've been wanting to stay at school, this is a feeling I want to keep
Eventually when I leave this place, I hope that it's not too deep
So much we have experienced, we met when we were young
growing up learning more, there is so much we got done
My years were kinda short, But the friends I made are a blessing
Happy for my time here, sad it's all ending

We've been in this school for so long,
It's time we go to bed,
so many emotions in my head
Hoping not many tears will be shed

I'm happy that the school was here with me I'm sorry if I tear up
Whenever I was sad, You would always make me cheer up
Making funny memories we would play and have fun
while learning in the class, we would do that all a ton
I will miss you and goodbye, but we have to let it be
Farewell and I'll remember the class of 2020
Either we were learning, or either we were chatting
I'm sorry I am leaving, now I have to start packing

We've been in this school for so long,
It's time we go to bed,
so many emotions in my head
Hoping not many tears will be shed



The Gates are FINISHED!!!! Yipeeeee!!!



We hope you like our new gates! The pedestrian gate will be timed to opened at the start and end of the day for all parents so you wont need to buzz every time! If, when you leave the site, the pedestrian gate is shut, press the **OPEN** button which is located next to our school sign—see the photos below.



Push button to open to get out!



Farewell to the dining hall!

On Monday 3rd August the demolition begins! We thank you and farewell to the dining hall for all the dinners and memories it has provided over the years but it really is time for an up-grade. The demolition is taking place in the break to reduce disruption to the school in terms of noise and dust! In the autumn term I will be able to share the new plans with you. I expect the new building works to start during the autumn term once the full planning and ground works preparation have been completed. Exciting times ahead!



Maths Resources from Miss Patel...

White Rose Maths have produced a range of work booklets for parents and children to use over the summer or during next year, they're ideal for use at the end of a block of work.

These booklets can be found on [Amazon for the Kindle](#) or on their website. There is one booklet for each of our blocks for Y1 to Y6. Here are the links you will need...

[White Rose free parent workbooks](#)

or

[White Rose parent workbooks](#)



Postcards to the Future Part 4 from Mrs Palinda...

The fourth and final part of this activity has been sent to you so you can take part in the project if you so wish.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Resources from Mrs Dhall...

Over the summer holiday, we encourage all children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge taking place in libraries across Brent and across the country.

We have sent to parents an letter all about the reading challenge which looks like this ->

The challenge is for children to visit their library over the summer holiday and read at least six books. The theme for 2020 is "Meet the Silly Squad".

For more details

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>



Hello Parents

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge Newsletter for 2020. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is going to be quite different to other years as it will be mostly online.

There are only 2 libraries open at the moment, Wembley and Willesden. They are open from Monday to Friday 10.30am - 2.30pm. Please check the website for when the other libraries will open at www.brent.gov.uk/libraries

The Summer Reading Challenge has a title each year and for 2020 it is Silly Squad, it is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The first thing that is different is that your child does not need to register this year.

- Children can read 6 books and they can have a certificate.
- Children can make a reading diary to tell us about the books they have read. See the end of this newsletter for an example

The books that children read can come from the library or from our e-library which is a huge collection of e-books. To get these books just download the My Library App on to a phone, iPad or laptop and your children will be able to read the e-books that are downloaded.

It is very important for children to keep reading over the summer so that they remember all the words that they learned to read this year. Please encourage your children to read books all summer and then claim their certificate from your local library.

At Brent Libraries we always offer author events as part of the challenge. This year will be no different except that all events will be on Zoom and will be taking place in the comfort of your home.

Riotous Rap & Rhyme with Neal Zetter on Thursday 30 July 2.30 - 3.10pm

Crazy Comic club with James Parsons Thursday 6 Aug 2 - 3.30pm

The King with dirty feet Sally Pomme Clayton Thursday 13 Aug 2.30 - 3.30pm

Zarina's orchard and the Firebird with Sally Pomme Clayton Thursday 20 August 2.30 - 3pm

There will be more details about how to register and get your Zoom password and login details from the libraries website here: www.brent.gov.uk/libraries

As always we will be having a book review competition. Just use a piece of A4 paper which you can get from home or get a book review template from your library or print out one of the ones attached. Reviews can be handed in at your local library or they can be scanned in to libraries@brent.gov.uk. Please put Book Review, your name and the library you use in the subject heading. If you don't have a scanner then take a photo and email that.

Certificates can be collected from 17th August at your local library. Please check with our Website to see if your library is open on that date. We will be sending a small number of certificates to schools in September for children who cannot come to the library.

The Reading Agency have a Silly Squad Website for children to use if they would like to do some online games and puzzles. You can find the website here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



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



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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