

OLIVER GOLDSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Welcome Back...

Welcome to the start of a new academic year - I hope you had a good break. We offer a special warm welcome to our new families; welcome to the OGPS community. Thank you for bringing the sunshine back with you – it is going to be a hot week ahead! Please ensure children are prepared with sun cream, caps and a bottle for water. Usually we have started our autumn uniform but certainly for this week, children can wear their school summer dresses or grey shorts. We will adapt the school day depending on conditions to make sure children are not in the strong sunshine and heat for too long.

Concrete in School Buildings...

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub. I hope that this offers reassurance.

Staff Update...

Unfortunately I have to write to tell you that Mr. Ennis has left the school over the summer break. He was offered a new role in another organisation that he simply couldn't turn down. We thank him for all he did for the school since arriving back in September 2013 and wish him every success for the future.

Lunch Updates...

Thank you for sending children in with their packed lunches, today we had just three phone calls to make. We are working with Eden Red and Brent to get e-vouchers out to families as soon as possible.

Dining Hall Update...

We have a dining hall update meeting this coming Thursday to which one of the contractors directors will be attending. I will keep you updated on the progress of the building over this half term.



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PE Days...

PE Lessons start immediately this week. Here are the two days your child/children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit;

Reception: We will write to you separately.

Year 1:	1M:	Monday & Friday	1N:	Monday & Wednesday
Year 2:	2B:	Monday & Friday	2P:	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3:	3AV:	Monday & Friday	3C:	Thursday & Friday
Year 4:	4H:	Monday & Friday	4L:	Monday & Friday
Year 5:	5B:	Monday & Thursday	5R:	Monday & Thursday
Year 6:	6D:	Tuesday & Thursday	6S:	Tuesday & Thursday

Timings from tomorrow morning – Start and End of the Day...

From tomorrow, Tuesday 5th September, we begin our soft start to the mornings. This means that the gates and doors open from 8.35am; children should go immediately to their classrooms for their sort start learning activities. A reminder that children should be in the classroom for the register for 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45am you are late for the start of the day and your child is missing out!

At collection time, children should be picked up from the playground from 3.15pm. We expect that all children will be collected by 3.25pm at the very latest. **Please be on time for 3.15pm.**

Lastly...

Children looked great this morning in their smart school uniforms, thank you for helping them to take pride in their appearance. Please do make sure that the footwear children wear is in keeping with the school policy. **Footwear should be ALL BLACK** – trainers are allowed but should be ALL BLACK. On PE days, children can appropriate trainers of any colour. You can find our uniform policy via this link...

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/policies>

A full newsletter will be sent home later this week.

Term dates for 2023-24 have already been set and shared with you, they are on the last page of all newsletters and on our website using this link...

<https://www.olivergoldsmith.brent.sch.uk/pages/key-information/term-dates>

I will send out the term dates for 2024-25 to families once they have been approved by our Board of Governors.

We look forward to another exciting and successful year ahead!

Yours sincerely,
James Simmons
Headteacher



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