



## Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Potential re-open for Nursery, Reception and Year 1**

As many of you are aware the Government are discussing the partial re-open of schools. If the Government does instruct us to open our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes, we will need to arrange a rota for small groups of children to attend. Therefore we really need to understand how many of you would like your child/ren to return to school.

The Government are implying that we greatly reduce the number of children in a class. Initially, if we are directed to re-open, we are planning to re-open on a weekly rota basis. **Please can you call the office on 01255 421168 and request a return place. Please note this refers only to Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at this stage. We believe Year 2 will be encouraged to return shortly.** We understand and respect your decision as a parent if you choose to keep your child/children at home. We will send out another Newsletter before the re-opening, which will highlight the safeguarding precautions that we are implementing. We will also continue to provide Homework Packs.

The safeguarding of the children and staff is my highest priority and if we are directed to re-open we will ensure certain procedures are put into place to safeguard the children and staff. These measures include frequent washing of hands, social distancing and staggered breaks.

If there are any developments these will be communicated to you immediately via our text messaging service and posted onto the school website.

If parents/carers have any queries or concerns we encourage you to call the school where there will be a member of staff to deal with them.

### **Message from the School Governors**

The school governors recognise that these are unusual and difficult times for everyone. The Governing Board would like to thank all parents for the support they have given to the school and appreciates the way in which parents have made use of the learning packs that have been prepared for the children by school staff.

The Governing Board hopes that our children and their families continue to keep safe and well. We look forward to the children's phased return to school and assure parents that the safety of the children and staff will always remain the school's priority.

### **E Vouchers**

If you have not yet drawn down your E-vouchers please do so as soon as possible. Please retrieve your email from Edenred and follow the instructions on how to do this.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
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### Change of Circumstances

If during this pandemic you have experienced a change of circumstances and now receive benefits, please be aware that you may be entitled to E-vouchers for your child/children of £15 per week, per child. Your child may also be entitled to additional support in school.

To advise us of any changes and discuss eligibility, please contact the school office on 01255 421168.

### Access to Food

If any parents/carers are still having trouble gaining access to food, please note that we have the following items that can be collected:

- Large tins of baked beans
- Cereals

Please contact the school office on 01255 421168.

### Reception 2020-2021

We now have our official list of children who have been offered one of our reception places. We are in the process of contacting these families, but with the current pandemic situation we will not be carrying out home visits. Instead these discussions will be made over the phone. If you have not been offered a Reception place please contact Essex School Admissions on 03456037630 or 03456061212.

### Nursery Places for September 2020

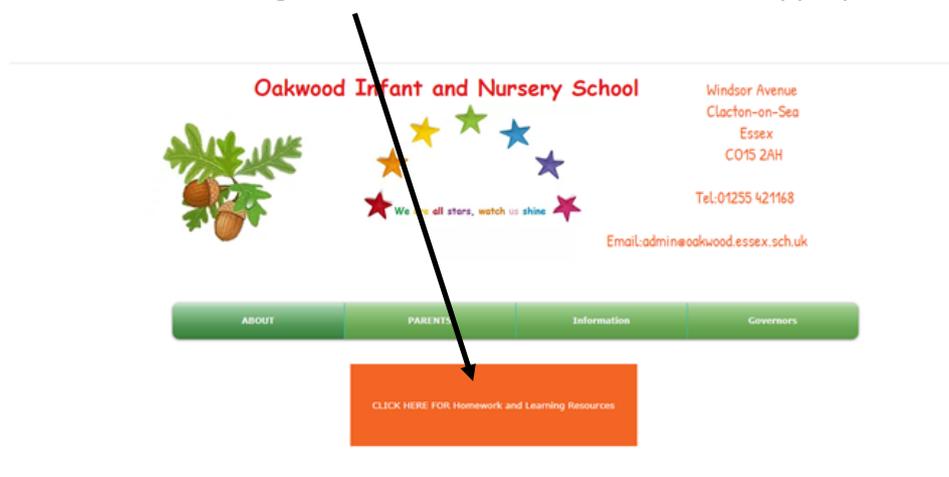
If you have a child of 3 years old and would like to apply for a Nursery place for September, please register your interest by calling the school office.

### Learning Resources

Learning resources are still available and hard copies can continue to be picked up from the lobby. All learning resources can also be downloaded from our Website. To access these please follow the instructions below:

Log onto the school website: [www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk)

Click here for Homework and Learning Resources. You can then select the appropriate Year Group.



### CONTACTING US

If you have any queries, you can still contact us on 01255 421168. However, please be aware that we are working with minimum staff so you may not get through first time.