



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your families are staying healthy. This is a really strange newsletter to be writing as it feels like our school year has been paused abruptly and we have no idea when we are going to get going again. We thought we would let you know what has been happening at Oakwood since we last saw you. We now have a skeleton staff in school each day with a handful of children whose parents are critical workers - we are all adhering to the 2 metre rule in order to keep ourselves and the children as safe as possible.

The children will be missing their classmates and their daily routine and the restrictions we now find ourselves living under are challenging for us all. Our staff are doing their best to keep you updated on any relevant changes as and when they happen. Rest assured we continue to value the teaching and learning of our pupils as of paramount importance to us and that is why we will be regularly updating our school website with various hints and tips on how you can help your child at home.

On the plus side, the weather is improving so please take advantage of your daily exercise allowance and go outside for a walk if you can. It's amazing how much better some fresh air can make you feel and the signs of spring are in abundance! Younger children may find the whole situation difficult to understand and so try

as much as possible to have some sort of daily routine that allows children time away from screens. Joe Wicks has a daily PE session at 9:00am which is a great way to start the day. Try to keep bedtimes at a reasonable time as otherwise you will end up with nocturnal children and when we come back to school, it will be a difficult habit to break. If you have any board games please get them out; there is so much learning involved in a game of snakes and ladders, turn taking, one to one correspondence, as well as your child loving the fact that they have your attention!

We have updated our Website with learning materials and will update you with any relevant information that we receive along with a Year Group Plan that will tell you what your child would be learning at this time and provide you with ideas, tips and weblinks that can help you support your child's learning at home.

Please see the links on page 2 of this Newsletter for help to get you started!

Remember to check the school website for updates and please stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

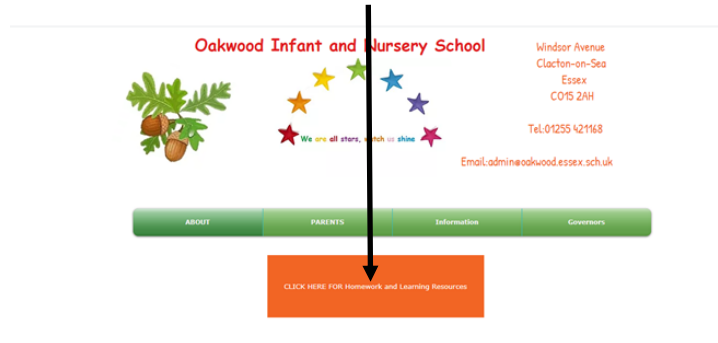
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RESOURCES FROM SCHOOL WEBSITE

Resources can be accessed from the school website. Please follow the instructions below to access them:

Log onto the school website: www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk

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



If you would like to pick up a paper learning pack for your child when they are ready, please call the School Office on 01255 421168 to request one. When each new pack of learning resources is available we will place a message on our school website and we will send you a text message .

RESOURCES FROM THE INTERNET

Resources can be accessed from the Internet. Below are some links that you can access to find excellent resources.

<https://thenationalcurriculum.com/learning-at-home>

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning>

Themathsfactor.com

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

LUNCH VOUCHERS

The lunch vouchers scheme is available to those who are eligible. We have successfully submitted our first request for vouchers. If you are entitled to free school meals and you haven't received your voucher, please contact the school office.

We thank you for your patience with this matter.

GOOD FRIDAY AND BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY CLOSURE

Please note that we will not be open on Good Friday or Bank Holiday Monday and will therefore not be able to provide care facilities for those children with Keyworker Parents.

We will reopen for care facilities on Tuesday 14th April.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic our Safeguarding Policy has been updated. A copy of this can be viewed on our website:

www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk

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.