



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

October	
23rd	Last Day of Term
26th-30th	Half Term
November	
2nd	Back to School

NURSERY

Nursery Places

There are currently spaces in our Nursery for this term and January starts.

Our Nursery is run by qualified Teachers and Nursery Nurses. Children can attend from the age of 3 and they can attend 2 ½ days a week.

Please contact the school office for an application form and to arrange a visit.

Headteacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	96.7%	96.8%
Year 1	96.7%	96.1%
Year 2	95.9%	96.2%

Attendance Reminder

Please be advised that we will ask you to provide medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2020

Covid 19

Please be assured we are regularly reviewing practice and doing everything we can possibly do to keep the children and our staff as safe as possible. School staff are wearing masks and each day the school undergoes a deep clean. There is also sanitiser and washing stations throughout the school which are being used regularly to keep everybody's hands clean.

Social Distancing

I have met with a number of parents who have voiced concerns about the social distancing in the playground. Thank you to the parents who have been following the guidelines. Please ensure to socially distance when dropping your children to school and picking them up in the afternoon, as the risk of Covid is especially high at present. We do not have any confirmed cases in school.

Covid Ventilated Classrooms

Ventilated classrooms will help to reduce the spread of Covid. Due to this additional ventilation please can the children come into school dressed in a vest, a white aertex top and a warm school jumper as the doors need to remain open, to circulate the air. Please can all the children also wear a coat to school, as the weather is becoming colder.

Outdoor Play Equipment

We are seeing a number of children left unsupervised on the play equipment outside the classrooms. To reduce the spread of Covid and for the children's safety, please do not allow your child to go on the equipment before or after the school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan

Head Teacher

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Ear Piercings

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, can you please arrange this for the 6 weeks holidays, so they have time to heal.

Friends of Oakwood

Our next Friends of Oakwood Meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October at 9am. If you would like to become a member please come into the school office before the 6th October to register your interest.

It is wonderful to be back and working on ideas to benefit our children and the school, however, to ensure we continue to meet the Government guidance for the Rule of 6, places at these meetings will be on a rota and invite only basis.

Fire Drill

Yesterday the whole school took part in their first fire drill of the academic year. I was delighted with the way the children conducted themselves. The children remained in their year group bubbles throughout the drill. They quietly and sensibly walked to their meeting point. They were a credit to the school.

Personal Information

Please can you check that we have the correct details for your child? We need to have your correct address and phone number, to ensure we can immediately make contact with you, should a matter arise.

No Dogs or Bikes

Please remember that dogs should not be brought onto the school site and the riding of bikes is not allowed in the school playground.



After School Clubs

Hopefully, the After School Clubs will commence after the half term break.

Reading and Phonics

Please can you read at home with your child and practice their phonics homework with them. It is important that we help the children catch up with any learning they missed during the lockdown and we appreciate your help with this.

Homework

Please make sure that your child completes their homework and brings it back for their teacher to mark. Please can you also read each evening with your child and comment in their reading log.

Labels

Please make sure that all your child's clothing is labelled. Sometimes the children take off their cardigans and jumpers in the school hall if they are hot, and forget to pick them up. If your child's clothing is labelled, we can locate the piece of clothing much more easily.