



Oakhurst Community First & Nursery
School
*'From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks
Grow'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

28th September 2020

I hope everybody has had a good weekend. We continue to be pleased and impressed with how things are going in school at the moment on the whole. There are just a few things that we need to inform you about the past week.

Drop off and pick up

We have been made aware that a small minority of parents are gathering outside of the school gates. Please remember that under the current restrictions we ask you not to wait if gather outside and we ask that only one parent/carer to be bringing the children to school. Apart from Nursery, children can be dropped off at the earlier time with their siblings to try and avoid this and if you are waiting for your Nursery child to go into school please do so in your cars or away from the school gates. On a similar note, there have been some concerns raised about people smoking or vaping on the pavement outside of school, again, please can you be mindful to others and do this away from the school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Coats and PE kits

As the weather is getting cooler and wetter it is vital that your child brings an appropriate coat to school with them every day. We really want to be able to take them outside, even if it's raining, so that they get some time out in the fresh air to run around in the middle of the day. However, without coats this is not possible. Due to the current restrictions in place we cannot offer a 'spare' coat as we would have done previously.

We have also noticed that some children are coming into school on PE days with shorts and a t-shirt. Whilst this is part of the school uniform, please can we remind you that as the weather is getting cooler you may want to consider black/navy leggings or jogging bottoms to keep them a little warmer.

Footwear for PE

We have had to start using the hall in the wetter weather so children have had to remove their trainers for the session, but then struggled in doing them back up again at the end of the lesson. As we aren't really able to help with laces at the moment it might be easier for your child to have slip on or velcro style trainers.

Ventilation in classrooms

As we have mentioned above, the temperature is much cooler and with the ventilation that we have to have in classrooms, with doors and windows open, children are starting to feel the cold. Please can we ask you to consider adding a few extra layers under their uniform, such as a vest and/white t-shirt, to give them a little extra warmth in class.

Chartwells Lunches

If you use Chartwells to supply your child's lunch, please can we ask you to check with your child as to whether they are happy with the selection you have made. Now we are heading round the two week cycle of packed lunches again, we are noticing that children are still down for options that they have expressed previously that they don't like. This leads to them eating very little at lunchtime. If they don't like either of the options on Chartwells for a particular day please feel free to send a sandwich from home on these days to ensure that your child eats at lunchtime.

Parent consultations

Due to the current restrictions we will be offering telephone parents consultations rather than face to face ones this term. These will take place on Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. There will be more details to follow.

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After School Club

Please can I remind you all about our new after school club opportunities (see previous letter). We would love more children to come a long and join in the fun. Please contact the school office for more information regarding this.

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