



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

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We are delighted that the vast majority of children have now returned to school and are pleased with how all of our arrangements that have been put in place have been going so far. We welcome Miss Abby Collins to our teaching team and are over the moon about Mrs Jo Simpson being well enough to return.

PE Sessions

Children will need to wear their PE Kit to school on the days their class has their PE sessions starting from w/c 7th September

PE sessions will be on the following days each week.

Reception Class – Wednesday

Year 1 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3 – Monday and Friday

Year 4 – Monday and Thursday

PE kit is a white t-shirt (plain or with the school logo), Navy Blue PE shorts and trainers. Children should wear their school cardigan or jumper.

Drop off/Collection

Please ensure that **only one person** brings your child/children to school and that you ensure social distancing measures outside the school gates. Please make sure that you arrive **promptly** at the correct start and finish time and avoid gathering outside the school gates and in the Parish Playground.

Breakfast Club

- Sessions must be booked in advance
- You must arrive between 8:00am and 8:20am.
- Any arrivals after 8:20am will need to wait for their class start time outside at the relevant gate

After School Club – 'use it or lose it!'

If you are planning to use the After School Club, but haven't let us know as yet, please get in contact ASAP. As you may have seen in the national press today, along with many other schools, we are having to consider whether we are going to be able to continue with our after school club provision. We currently offer an After School Club until 6pm, Monday to Friday. We have waited over the summer to see how many bookings we received and unfortunately the numbers are extremely low. Given the current situation the world finds itself in this is not a complete surprise to us and probably not to you. We do not run the club as a money making exercise, so it just needs to break even. Sadly, with numbers as low as they currently are, this makes the after school club financially unviable so we are at risk of not being able to continue running it for very much longer. The Governors will be keeping this under very close review over the next few weeks and hopefully the numbers will gradually increase so we can keep it going.

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## Snacks

It came to light yesterday that there were a few questions regarding mid-morning snacks. We have discussed this as a staff and have agreed the following. Reception, Years 1 and 2 are not required to bring in a snack as we provide every child a piece of fruit to eat either before or after playtime. Years 3 and 4 are able to bring in a piece of fruit (only) if they wish to, which could either be kept in their bookbag or lunchbox. We appreciate that there are a few children who have different medical or special education needs whose arrangements may need to be slightly different. In these circumstances this needs to be agreed by the Headteacher.

## Communicating with school staff

Over lockdown we used the class email system to enable the teacher to email you and vice versa. We have decided to continue with this method of communication for things such as sending you the half termly parent overviews. A new email account for each class for the 2020/21 academic year has been set up. Therefore we need to ask you to let us know if your email address needs to be updated to allow for this. We don't want anyone missing out on important communication from the school so please let us know ASAP.

The school Facebook pages are an excellent way of sharing information and clarifying things. However if you wish to have a response directly from a member of staff, please use email rather than social media to do this. Also please be mindful to staff's personal time by not expecting a response outside of working hours (evenings or weekends).

Kind regards,

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