

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back and welcome to our new families. It has been an incredibly positive start to the term especially during these unprecedented times.

We have been really pleased with how well the children have come into school, settled into lessons and are following the rules regarding the bubbles.

We would like to thank you for your support with our re-opening arrangements. Whilst we feel that the one-way system coming in, in the morning is working well we have noticed that there is a 'bottle neck' happening at the end of the day around the top gate. We are all doing our best to social distance and with that in mind I would like us to have some staggered exit times starting from tomorrow 11<sup>th</sup> September, as follows:

Year Group / Class	Arrival times	Exit times
<b>Reception</b>		
Group 1 Hedgehogs and Rabbits	8:35am	3:20pm
Group 2 Hedgehogs and Rabbits	8:45am	3:30pm
Group 3 Hedgehogs and Rabbits	8:50am	3:40pm
<b>Year 1</b>		
Squirrels	8:40am	3:30pm
Moles	8:50am	3:40pm
<b>Year 2</b>		
Owls	8:40am	3:30pm
Swifts	8:50am	3:40pm
<b>Year 3</b>		
Otters	8:50am	3:40pm
Badgers	8:40am	3:30pm
<b>Year 4</b>		
Foxes	8:50am	3:40pm
Adders	8:40am	3:30pm
<b>Year 5</b>		
Stags	8:40am	3:30pm
Wolves	8:50am	3:40pm
<b>Year 6</b>		
Hawks	8:50am	3:40pm
Red Kites	8:40am	3:30pm

Please can you ensure that you do not arrive at the school before your exit time to support us in reducing the 'bottle neck' at the top gate.

Please can I also ask that we continue to limit the number of adults on site and therefore only one adult per family to drop off and collect.



We also strongly advise that families walk or cycle to school to avoid the build up of cars and movement of people on the roads surrounding school.

### Back Packs

Please can I remind everyone to refer to the Parent Booklet which has been sent out and can be found on our website (<https://www.oakleyvaleprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=153&type=pdf>) about what can and cannot be brought into school.

In terms of bags please can children **not** bring in any back packs or other large bags. They only need to bring in a named water bottle and their lunch a plastic bag. Reading book bags can be used on a Friday to bring in their reading book.

### Baseline assessments

As a school we will be assessing the children over the next few weeks to establish a clear baseline and also to identify gaps in learning. Your child's teacher will be using this information to tailor their curriculum offer to ensure that no child is left behind. As well as the school core offer we will be offering additional intervention work which may take place during the school day or after school. Details of the interventions will be shared by individual year groups in the next couple of weeks.

### New members of staff

I would like to introduce you to new members of staff we have in school. Mr Buffham has joined us as our New Vice Principal, Miss Wylie has joined us as a trainee teacher in Y1 and Miss Lapsley has joined us a teaching assistant in Year 3. They have all settled in well and it is great to have them join our team.

### Key Dates

Unfortunately, due to current situation with COVID 19 we do not have as many events as we usually do however we will continue to update you should things change. Here are the dates we have so far:

Date:	Event
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest: Whole school food collection
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	World Maths Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Close for Half term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Open for Term 2
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Art theme: Guy Fawkes
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Diabetes Day: Mufti - tbc Whole School: Diwali- tbc Children in Need- tbc
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Road Safety Week- School council
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrews Day- Assembly focus
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Y4 Christingle- tbc
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	YR/Y1 Nativity - tbc
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Fayre- tbc Choir performances in community- tbc
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day- Whole school mufti
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Close for Christmas Whole Christmas sing a long - tbc
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day 3
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day 4



**We will confirm shortly arrangements for the Autumn term Parents Evenings.**

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact school via telephone or email us using [admin@oakleyvaleprimary.org](mailto:admin@oakleyvaleprimary.org) .

We are really looking forward to a successful new year.

Yours sincerely



Emma Goodwin (Principal)

