

Headteacher: Mrs Carly Redfern

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Dear parents and carers,

I am really excited to be putting together this letter to share with you how we are going to be welcoming all children back to school in September. I know that this period of time has been very difficult for many families. I would like to thank all our parents for the amazing job they have been doing balancing home learning, children's well-being and their own jobs. It can't have been easy! I can reassure you that the teachers have been working hard alongside the local authority to plan a curriculum that will enable children to catch up as quickly as possible. We hope the children have a good rest over the summer and so they come back ready to learn!

We do have to make clear that what we are putting in place is subject to government guidance and that this may change. We will do our very best to continue our communications with you and ensure that you are fully informed.

Attendance expectations:

In the guidance the government have made it clear that in September all children will be expected to return to school. This means that from that point, the usual rules of attendance will apply including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

We do understand that some children may be following guidance from specialist consultants and may not be allowed to come back into school. We will work closely with these families to support the children in the best way that we can.

School organisation:

Normal classes will become bubbles- bubbles will be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children will be encouraged to keep their distance within these groups. We do understand that this is really difficult for the younger children.

Staff will maintain social distancing from pupils as much as possible.

Children will be expected to return to school in school uniform.

Children **must** bring in a water bottle.

Children **will be able** to bring book bags into school but will not need anything else. Everything will be provided for your child in a pack to limit any sharing of resources.

Siblings will not be required to go into the same bubble.

Classrooms will be organised so that all tables are facing forwards and in rows.

Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly and keep up with good hygiene.

Staggered start and finish:

Year groups will have allocated gates to enter and exit the school site:



- Pedestrian gate- Year 3/4
- Middle gate- Year 5/6
- Furthest gate- Year R and 1/2.

The gates will be clearly labelled.

Drop off:

08.50 Year R parents to drop off at Year R playground gate.

08.45 Year 1/2 line up on playground and collected by class teacher.

08.45 Year 3/4 children to walk straight down to their classrooms. There will be members of staff out to watch children round. Parents to not come on to school site.

08.50 Year 5/6 children to walk straight down to their classes. No parents to come on site.

Pick up:

15.25 Year R collected from Year R playground gate.

15.30 Year 1/2 collected from top playground.

15.20 Year 3/4 collect from top playground.

15.30 Year 5/6 teachers to walk children up to top playground. Parents to wait outside school grounds to collect (you are welcome to wait in the top car park).

Break times will be adjusted to ensure that teaching time in the day is not impacted.

Because we are using all of the gates at the top playground, the top car park will have to remain closed to cars to ensure the safety of the children.

In order to keep everyone safe, we need to ensure that parents arrive only at their allocated time and leave the site as soon as possible. Families will not be able to stay on the playground once their child has been collected.

We will not be able to provide a late room in school as we cannot mix children's bubbles in this way. Therefore, it is extremely important that parents are punctual to collect.

Extra-curricular provision:

Breakfast club and wrap around care will be available for parents in September. They may look slightly different to normal to allow us to follow the guidance. Please let the school/Veronika know as soon as possible if you require a place.

After school care contact details:

veronika.semerakova@aol.com

07716397304

<https://www.oliversbatteryprimary.com/afterschoolclub.html>

There will be after school clubs available to children from external providers. These providers have completed full risk assessments and will also be fully aware of school safety measures.

Lunch:

The kitchen will be back open and running as normal with children being able to eat a hot meal in the hall. There will be extra cleaning and safety measures in place to ensure that we continue to keep the risk low. The menu will be parent mailed home so children will be aware of the daily options. The children will still be able to bring in their own packed lunch if they wish.

Entering the school building:

Parents will only be able to come into the school building if they have booked an appointment. Any communications that are needed on a daily basis can be done via the admin@oliversb.com email address or by phone.

Please see below link to full guidance if you wish to read further.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We do understand that there may be families that feel anxious about sending their child/children back to school. Please do contact the school so we can discuss and support you in any way we can.

Thank you for your continued support



Mrs Redfern



Karen Andrews