



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Oughton Primary and Nursery School if you are a Parent of a new child joining us this year and welcome back everyone else! I do hope that everyone has had a restful Summer, even if it still remains somewhat strange at times at present.

I am writing to you to update you with details for your child attending school in September. I am so pleased that we will be opening to **all children** and that everyone will be returning to school. Year 1 to Year 6 will be returning to school on **Thursday 3rd September**, see timings for your child's class. Reception children will be attending until 12pm on this day and will be staying for lunch on Friday 4th September with full-time from 7th September. Nursery children will be starting on Thursday 10th September.

It will be great to have full classrooms and it will be lovely to see everyone again as well as meet some new children. I know that the children who returned last Summer missed their class mates, although they did love the small groups! They were so positive and most children couldn't wait to be back.

I am sure though, as always in September, there will be some trepidation, as well as hopefully, excitement. Remember to tell your child that everyone worries about coming back and meeting a new Teacher and being in a different classroom, even the Teachers! If you haven't seen it already, remember to watch the transition footage which was sent out in July by the staff. Your child can see the clips by their Teacher (s) and this will hopefully put their minds at rest. These are available on our website; www.oughton.herts.sch.uk/transition so please take a look. Mrs Phillipson, Mrs Carroll and I cannot wait to see everyone and see our school back to a more normal place.

I would ask that you read this letter carefully as it contains a lot of information, even if your child attended in June, as many aspects have changed.

I have formed plans, based on a lot of Government Guidance since March 2020, including Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020, HCC guidance plus our own Risk Assessment, which has been updated following more staff and children returning to school. Be aware, our plans minimise risk, we cannot eliminate risks completely as we are working in a school with families, staff and most importantly - children.

I have been impressed with the determination of our staff, who have worked hard this Summer to prepare for their new class in September, following Government guidelines. This has not been easy and I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children and families of Oughton.

Once again, I would ask that you do **not** compare our plans, with those of local Primary schools as each school has their own buildings with constraints, their own staff force with individual needs and numbers of children in their schools. Each school is basing their plan on their own individual circumstances.

I am aware that our plans may not suit every Parent and their individual circumstances. However, I have considered the school as a whole. I have attached a home / school agreement for you to read and discuss with your child. This document shows that you support the school and agree to follow the responsibilities noted. Failure to follow these guidelines could put others at risk.

Illness

One vital aspect of any child coming into school must be that they are in good health. You **must not** send your child into school if they are unwell. If you are not sending your child in due to illness, please email or phone us to let us

know. We will be continuing our first day response and will be phoning Parents if we do not hear from you. Please be aware, we often visit homes to ensure that the children are safe if we have not heard from any Parent.

No one must enter the school site if they are displaying any symptoms of Coronavirus – no Parent or child. If a family member or child displays symptoms of Covid-19, they must take a Coronavirus test. The NHS Test and Trace programme is vital to reduce the spreading of this infection.

Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020 states:

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

Parents must follow the guidelines in Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We will be ensuring that staff follow the exact procedures in order to safeguard you and your family. You need to be aware that some of our staff and families within Oughton have serious health conditions and we need to protect everyone.

Once a test has been taken, Parents must inform us of the result of the test by emailing it into school.

Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020 states:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days

Any child who displays symptoms of Coronavirus within school will be isolated and Parents will be called to immediately collect them. **Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details with a minimum of two emergency numbers, this is vital.**

Contact

We ask that Parents do not approach the front office, as we need to limit site use. Parents must not enter the school building without a pre-arranged appointment. Meetings with Parents will be limited and only held if vital; they would need to be planned in advance and conducted safely, which is tricky due to our limited space to ensure social

distancing rules are adhered to. Please do not ask for the Teacher or Teaching Assistant to meet with you. If you have a concern or query please ring 01462 450716 or email admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk if you have a query.

Please be aware, due to staffing, there may not always be a member of staff always on the front desk. Mrs Woollon, our Pastoral Manager will be available to talk to Parents on some days.

Please pay for school meals, uniform and trips on ParentMail. If you have the app, click on the top left hand side, scroll down to Payments and click on shop at the bottom.

Behaviour Expectation

Please be aware that positive behaviour in school is vital. Staff will be teaching differently and lessons will be different from previously, although still enjoyable! All children must behave in a safe and respectful manner towards staff and other children.

If children do not follow the normal rules of school, **you will be contacted**. We expect children to follow our rules and we expect them to all follow the instructions of the staff. The health and safety plus emotional well-being of children and staff is paramount. Please ensure that if your child sometimes pushes the boundaries, they fully understand this. They must follow instructions from staff, this is vital.

For those children who were back in school in June / July, school will be different again in September. I know that the children enjoyed the small groups so please talk to your child about the fact that they will be meeting up with all of their friends again, which will be lovely.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child is wearing their school uniform and all jewellery, hair dye, nail varnish and make up is removed. If you need any new sweatshirts, please order via ParentMail. Please ensure that uniform is washed regularly. Plain white collared t-shirt tops / shirts are absolutely fine. See question in Q & A.

Belongings

Please limit what your child brings into school. Please provide your child with a named water bottle. They may bring in their packed lunch and water bottle. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 they may bring in their own pencil case. However, if they chose to do this, the pencil case must remain in school and not taken home each day. Please do not go out and purchase equipment, we do have normal school equipment for children to use.

No mobile phones please in school as they cannot be locked up in the Office. If this is a problem, please email us to explain why you feel it is necessary for your child to bring their mobile into school. We do not take any responsibility for any loss of mobiles or any other item. No toys or games please.

Reading books will now be given out twice a week to go home. Once returned to school from a child, books will be stored for 72 hours. A different set of books will then be given out.

PE Kits

When your child has PE, they will be asked to wear their PE kit into school. This consists of: plain white t-shirt, shorts (if the weather is hot/warm) and trainers **plus** their school jumper. If the weather is not warm, plain, dark (black preferably or navy) jogging or tracksuit bottoms. We are asking for the children to wear trainers and not black plimsolls as they will be wearing these all day. PE lessons will be outside the majority of the time and lessons will be adapted. You will be notified which day of the week your child has PE.

Lunches

I am delighted to inform you that Herts Catering will now be providing hot lunches as well as their normal cold packed lunch. Remember, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children can automatically have a universal free school meal. Nursery children are not able to stay for lunches at the present time, due to spacing.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – remember if you are eligible for a Free School Meal, you need to apply: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals if not, the cost of a school lunch is £2.65. You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch if they are not having a school lunch.

- Year 6, 5, 4, 2 and 1 will be eating lunches in their classrooms.
- Reception and Year 3 will be eating their lunches in the dining rooms.

We are limiting the use of our two dining rooms to the classes who have more difficulty eating lunches in their classrooms.

Nursery children will need to be collected at 11:45pm.

Special Educational Needs Provision / Interventions

Due to Coronavirus our SEND provision will be different from previously, in order to keep children and staff safe. We now have less staff movement across the school. Interventions may be limited. Children will not be able to leave their room to work with a Teacher or TA outside of the classroom, due to space. Staff will not be able to provide 1:1 teaching or support. As the situation improves across the country, we hope that further provision will be restored as soon as possible. Mrs Phillipson will be helping the staff to support their classes.

Staffing

Please be aware that staffing may change at any time due to staff illness. Some of our staff are shielding and some have needed to adapt the way they are working in light of Covid-19.

Breakfast and After School Provision

Premier Education will be providing Oughton with Breakfast Club and an After School Provision for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Details have been sent via ParentMail to existing Parents and via email to new Parents. The Parental handbook that contains all of the information you need can be found on our website:

www.oughton.herts.sch.uk. You will need to book a place in advance if you require it, on their website which is: www.premier-education.com. Both provisions will be held in Lime and access will be via the Moss Way red gate, Lime is the first classroom after Early Days Playgroup and the green gate.

School timings

Following Government guidance, our timings continue to be staggered. I realise that for some families with two or more children in different classes, this will be tricky. However, we need to ensure that the number people on school site is as limited as possible.

Cohort	Location	Arrival	Pick up	In via
Nursery Plum Mrs Murray	Near the Family Centre, near car park	8:45am	11:45pm	Red front gate and up to Nursery class by the Family Centre.
Reception Pear Miss Hurley	Opposite the front entrance of the school	8:50am	3:15pm	Red front gate, then Reception green gate. Please wait outside on the markers.
Year 1 Elm Miss Savage and Mrs Strange	By KS 1 playground	8:50am	3:20pm	Moss Way red gate then green gate and walk round to the class by the fence panels in KS 1 playground.
Year 2 Oak Mrs Stephenson	First classroom by green gate	8:45am	3:15pm	Moss Way red gate, green gate, keep walking to the first classroom.
Year 3 Alder Mr Lewis	KS 2 block, upstairs	8:45pm	3:15pm	Front main gate, then green gate, first doorway you come to (white doors, which lead upstairs).
Year 4 Beech ED Miss Daniels	Opposite the KS 2 adventure playground	8:55am	3:25pm	Moss Way red gate, green gate walk around, through KS 1 playground, past Apple room, keep to the path and you will come to the classroom through a green fenced path.
Year 4 Beech RH Miss Harvey	Opposite the KS 2 adventure playground	8:55am	3:25pm	Moss Way red gate, green gate walk around, through KS 1 playground, past Apple room, keep to the path, past the other Year 4 through a green fenced path and then another fenced area.
Year 5 Willow Mr Marshall	KS 2 block, downstairs opposite the sheds	8:55am	3:25pm	Front main gate then green gate, first classroom you come to.
Year 6 Silver Birch Mrs Smith and Mrs Lopez	KS 2 block, downstairs by KS 2 playground	8:50am	3:20pm	Front main gate then green gate, second classroom, entrance opposite the KS 2 playground.

See the individual map sent for each class showing you the site entrance and exit for each class. Each class and room is named after a tree on the school site.

Site Arrangements

We have organised a one-way system around the site to reduce people passing as much as possible. The entry gates are: front red gate and green gate near Year 6 classes (by Kitchen) and Moss Way gate (by Early Days Playgroup). Please note - **the top red gate in KS 2 Playground, Redhill Road is exit only** for Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. **Please do not try to enter via this gate.** Some Parents dropping a few children off may have to take a longer route around the site. Please see the map given to show entry and exit.

No bikes or scooters are allowed to be ridden on site.

Please see the maps to see where you should enter and how you should leave the school site.

Waiting and coming into the classroom

When you locate your child's classroom, please wait for the door to open at the designated time. Please wait with a 2m distance from others. We have put markers where we can. If you can, please leave other children at home with an adult, although I know that this is not possible for all.

However, all children **must not** run around the site at all. They must stay with the Parent who is dropping them off at all times. They must not come into close contact with any other family. The school outside equipment must not be touched at all, this includes climbing frames, theatre area and reading area (near the rabbits). This includes at the end of the school day too, please ensure that your child is next to you walking through the site. We are asking Parents to not gather at entrance gates or doors. **Only one Parent is allowed to accompany children onto the site, to limit the number of people.**

Year 5 and 6 children may walk themselves to and from school if that is your wish. However, I am asking that all Year 5 Parents bring their child into and collect from school for the first few days at least; this allows the children to become accustomed to the lining up and format. We will then double check your permissions to walk home via ParentMail. Children who do walk to and from school must not walk in close contact of others. They are old enough to understand the 2m distance and although I understand that at times, they may forget, they must not deliberately break the social distancing guidelines. They must also adhere to the timings of arrival and keep to the markers. If your child does not adhere to these rules, you will be requested to bring them in. The safety of each child is vital.

Please prepare your child to come into school safely. You will need to ensure that they walk in calmly. Staff will support you in this if needed by talking to the children, however, we are not able to hold or cuddle a child. There will be an additional child friendly sheet for you to read to your child and hopefully, this will help reduce any anxieties they may have. We know that some children may struggle coming back into school.

On arrival, all children **must** wash their hands thoroughly before they sit down at an allocated desk or space. Their belongings will be kept at their tables. In Early Years, their coats will be on a peg.

No Parent is allowed in the classrooms.

Layout

Year 1 to Year 6 classroom tables will be set out following Government guidelines – with desks facing the front. Children will be sitting next to each other. Year 1 will be following elements of the Early Years curriculum, as well as the KS 1 curriculum. There will be child initiated learning opportunities. Both Early Years classrooms will be set out in the normal way for this age of children.

Bubbles / Areas

Each year group will be in a 'bubble' and will be kept in these bubbles at lunchtime and breaktime. Each bubble will have their designated areas to play. This also means that Year 4 children will be able to work across the two classrooms; this ensures equal provision regarding support.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will also be in a 'bubble' so both classes can access the shared outside area equally, although not at the same time.

Please be aware that if there is a positive case of Coronavirus in a bubble, all children who have come into contact with that person will be impacted.

We will not be mixing bubbles within school. Children may access shared rooms, such as the ICT room; however, equipment will be cleaned after use.

Assemblies

We will not be having full school assemblies in the hall as normal. Assemblies still be whole school via Microsoft Teams, which is still very exciting for everyone! The children who were in school last term loved seeing the other classes on their screens. I love surprising the classes and ringing them on their interactive boards to congratulate a child. Awards Assemblies will be different and unfortunately, we cannot have Parents attend. However, we do ensure that you are fully aware if your child has been chosen for an award and certificates are sent via the post, this enables you to follow your safety measures at home.

Questions and Answers

I have detailed the questions asked below which are relevant to you plus the Government guidance regarding any aspects.

Q What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in my child's school?

A. Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020 states:

Schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

The health protection team will work with schools in this situation to guide them through the actions they need to take. Based on the advice from the health protection team, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

- *direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)*
- *proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual*
- *travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person*

The health protection team will provide definitive advice on who must be sent home. To support them in doing so, we recommend schools keep a record of pupils and staff in each group, and any close contact that takes places between children and staff in different groups. This should be a proportionate recording process. Schools do not need to ask pupils to record everyone they have spent time with each day or ask staff to keep definitive records in a way that is overly burdensome.

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#). They should get a test, and:

- *if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.*
- *if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following **‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’***

We will be following these guidelines fully and enforcing all recommendations from the local health protection team. We will be working closely with Parents and we will, of course, need your support. You will need to follow all of the guidelines and keep in close contact with us.

Q Does my child have to attend school in September?

A Yes if your child is over the legal school age of 5. Normal rules regarding education are back in force. We will follow the same procedures regarding attendance.

Q What cleaning measures are in place?

A Every child will be asked to wash their hands on entry to every classroom. Staff use hand sanitiser on entry to the school site and throughout the site. Children will be taught the importance of handwashing throughout the day and will be washing their hands at regular intervals.

Throughout the day, staff will be cleaning shared items, using a checklist such as door handles, toilet doors, taps, sinks, toilet handles, light switches, hand rails, any shared equipment ie play equipment – any element which are shared by children or staff. Tables will be cleaned but remember they are only used by the same two children within the bubble. In Early Years, tables will be cleaned before another child moves to the area. We will also be ventilating the rooms well. We have removed items from classes. Any ICT equipment used will be limited to one person use only then cleaned. Rooms will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the school day by our team of cleaners. The cleaners will be using a diluted bleach solution.

Q Will my child be 100% safe from catching Coronavirus in school?

A No I cannot guarantee this at all. We cannot be 100% safe and I need to be clear and honest to all Parents - we are working with children, who, as you are all aware, are unable to keep a 2m distance. However, we will remind them and do our best to keep a distance.

Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020 states:

Ideally, adults should maintain 2 metre distance from each other, and from children. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow that will help. In particular, they should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1 metre of anyone. Similarly, it will not be possible when working with many pupils who have complex needs or who need close contact care. These pupils' educational and care support should be provided as normal.

For children old enough, they should also be supported to maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers where possible. This will not be possible for the youngest children and some children with complex needs and it is not feasible in some schools where space does not allow. Schools doing this where they can, and even doing this some of the time, will help.

When staff or children cannot maintain distancing, particularly with younger children in primary schools, the risk can also be reduced by keeping pupils in the smaller, class-sized groups.

We will endeavour to follow this advice. The Government stated in their earlier guidance Coronavirus (Covid-19): Implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings 11 May 2020 that **“early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.”**

We will encourage safe distances, however, the younger children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and even KS 2 cannot be expected to fully understand these restraints. Young children will get close to adults; this is part of human nature and they will also stand close to the other children in their groups as they learn and play during the school day. They are still developing their social skills and interaction is key at this phase in education. We will not be putting children in small squares. We will not be enforcing Early Years children to sit at desks apart from others. This is not how the Early Years setting works at Oughton. We will also be taking our learning outside when we can. The Teachers have been working hard since the first official return on 1st June to adapt their teaching to changing times. However, we **will** be reminding them of the safe distances and we **will** teach them about hygiene, as I am sure you are too. We **will** be frequently hand washing, regularly cleaning the setting and **will** minimise contact and the mixing of groups. We **will** be working to minimise risk as much as is possible given our circumstances for children, Parents and staff.

Q. What do the classroom look like?

A. Different to when the children left, yet with some aspects the same. The classes will now have furniture to cater for a whole class. They have been deep cleaned over the Summer holiday. In Year 1 to 6, tables have been faced forwards, all facing the same way. The displays are as they were, with some parts taken down to allow access. However, the classes will still look familiar – colourful, organised and still engaging. Year 1 will have some work stations in order to follow aspects of the Early Years curriculum.

In Early Years, there are still workstations with space in between so the children can produce creative pieces of work. However, children in Early Years do not sit at desks; this is not how our Early Years setting works. Some furniture and toys have been removed. We have put some equipment away from outside, as a lot of it cannot be cleaned each day.

All classes will still be engaging and child friendly, with work displayed on walls. The rest of the school looks very similar.

Q Will the children have the same Teacher or Teaching Assistant across the week?

A No, Teachers are entitled to PPA – Planning, Preparation and Marking time so there will be another Teacher/coach in the class at some point over the week. Some Teaching Assistants also support across the school, however, this is more limited than previously. Some of our Teachers are part-time so there may be a job share within the group. We are following the Government guidelines.

Q Will the children go out at break and lunchtime?

A Yes. They will go out and will play in their allocated space with their groups. Bubbles will not be able to mix, however they will see other children in other year groups ie out on the field or in an allocated area in the playground. We will be encouraging waving, messages etc as it is important to recognise other children within our school. Friendships are vital to everyone.

Q What happens if my child becomes ill?

A You will be immediately contacted and asked to collect your child straight away. If Coronavirus is suspected, your child will be isolated from the rest of their cohort immediately and you will be contacted. You will then need to follow the guidelines explained earlier in this letter. You will be asked to ensure that you take your child for a test.

Q Will my child need to wear a mask?

A No. We are following the Government advice regarding PPE equipment. Wearing a face mask or face covering in schools is not recommended and hinders communication.

Guidance of Full Opening: Schools updated 7th August 2020 states:

Schools should also have a process for removing face coverings when pupils and staff who use them arrive at school and communicate it clearly to them. Pupils must be instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.

A member of staff may wear a mask if they are dealing with someone who is showing symptoms of Coronavirus. If this were the case, the person showing symptoms would be isolated immediately.

Q What equipment can my child bring into school?

A Equipment must not go from home to school and back. We are allowing:

- Water bottle (plastic and named please) for the classroom – no juice at all.
- Packed lunch (this may include a drink – no fizzy or glass) if you wish your child to not have a school lunch.
- Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 can bring in their own pens, pencil, pencil cases etc. However, once these are brought into school, they must not be removed and must be left on their table. If a child does not have pens, pencils etc, they will be given some to use and these will be left on their table.
- Reading books will be taken home but steps are in place to ensure safety.

Finally....

Thank you for your support! I am aware of the amount of information within this letter and the fact that some of you have read elements previously (if your child returned to school last term). However, we are now following adapted Government guidelines with more children attending.

If your child was in Year 2, 3 or 4 last year or if your child did not return in the Summer term, please discuss with your child that school will be different to previously. We have also sent some information for you to share with your child. You need to guide your child and help them at this time. The last few months have been challenging for all and we have all needed to change and adapt our way of living. Please help your child to also adapt and build up their resilience, a key focus within Oughton.

My priority remains as always - to keep everyone as safe as possible and minimise the risks to all - children, Parents and staff. I look forward to seeing everyone – Reception to Year 6 children and their Parents on Thursday 3rd September and then our new Nursery children the following Thursday 10th September. It will be lovely to have a full school again. The staff and I cannot wait!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher