



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

April 2021

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, I can not believe it is the Summer term already. The last 3 weeks of the Spring term flew by and I am sure that you were all glad to get back to some normality. We worked hard to ensure that the children settled back into school, leading with Well-being Week. We planned lots of activities to ensure that the children joined together again and we looked at ways to ensure that anxieties were reduced for all. The classes focused on the 5 ways to Well-being: Take Notice, Keep Learning, Connect, Give, Be Active. I was extremely pleased with the way that everyone settled back into their class routines. Thank you for your continued support.

### Attendance / Covid-19

Please ensure that you inform us if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. Please ring 01462 450716 or ParentMail a message or email us at [attendance@oughton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@oughton.herts.sch.uk).

Please stay vigilant regarding any illness. If your child or a member of your family shows any Covid-19 symptoms, the **whole family must self-isolate** and a test must be booked. Do not send any members of your family into school. Please keep us informed. Our procedures remain the same.

If we have a child showing symptoms, we will follow the Government guidelines and isolate your child from others and contact you immediately to collect your child. Please ensure that we have up to date contact numbers at all times and please ensure that you answer your phone. If due to your job, you are unable to answer your phone, please ensure that you have given us another contact number / method to be able to get hold of you in emergency.

Please continue to follow the Government guidelines regarding social distancing. It is important that we keep everyone safe, staff, Parents and children. I am aware that some Parents are finding it tiresome to follow the set procedures in place within the school grounds, however, everything in place follows the Government guidelines.

### Parental Questionnaires

Thank you so much for the positive feedback in the questionnaires. It was great to hear comments from your point of view. I am pleased that so many of you found that the staff were supportive in helping you navigate through Teams. I am glad that so many Parents found the registration times helped the children to keep in contact with their friends and classmates as well as keeping everyone motivated. Your comments were reflective and will help shape our provision if we need to take this route again. Thank you for your positive comments, the staff worked incredibly hard during Lockdown and we greatly appreciate your feedback.

### Oughton Giving

One of our 5 ways to Well-being is Giving and we have been promoting giving within school. Thank you for your generosity - this year to date, we have raised a lot of money for various charities. We raised £151.31 for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers and £200.90 for Comic Relief.

Thank you to the Friends of Oughton who donated Easter Eggs for the children and we organised an in-school Easter Egg Hunt as it rained on the last day of term. Thank you to our Head boys and girls and Mrs Woollon who recently planted flowers in the community.

Please be respectful of our local residents when parking, please read and take note of the ParentMail message regarding this issue. Thank you

Yours sincerely

**Lisa Clayton Headteacher**

### Health and Safety

**Please make sure we always have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses so that we are able to get hold of Parents in an emergency. Please check ParentMail and read all messages sent out.**

### Calendar

The school term dates for 2020/2021 are on our website, showing Inset Days.

Tues 27th April - Class Photos

With the Lockdown, many of our dates are now changed but we are looking at different methods to carry out elements of our curriculum so the children still have exciting, rich experiences. We are just adapting as much as we can.

The Year 3 and 4 virtual visit from the Author Gareth P. Jones was a huge success.

We will keep you up to date via ParentMail.

### Home Learning

Home learning will continue via Microsoft Teams to ensure that all of the children continue to be able to use this platform for learning. We are mindful that some families will be using phones to access Teams.

This platform will also be used in the event of a bubble self-isolating. At this point, laptops will be loaned out where needed. If this happens and you did not borrow a device during the Lockdown, please ensure that you request a laptop if you need it to support your child's learning.

Please do not put private messages to Teachers on the Teams chat channels as this can be seen by everyone in the class. Please email messages to [admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk) and staff will respond to you.

Please keep your child's log-in details safe.