



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term, our focus is our Curriculum to suit the needs of the children here at Oughton. Our Curriculum is broad and balanced and we have needed to adapt topics / timings following the Lockdown last term. We are looking at experiences we can give the children, which is obviously challenging at the present time with regard to Covid-19 restrictions. We are working hard on Reading, Writing and Maths in particular and we have extra interventions in place to support those children who require it.

Staff have had some training to support children with ADHD this term.

We continue to have our Well-being Assemblies and promote the 5 ways to Well-being: Be Active, Keep Learning, Take Notice, Connect and Give.

We will be planning transition after half term to ensure that all of the children are ready for the following academic year.

Recently we have had many Parent and local resident complaints about Parents dropping off and picking children up.

Thank you to those Parents who continually follow the school and Government guidelines to keep everyone safe. We know that the rules in place are not easy for some of you, especially those of you who have more than one child to drop off.

Just to remind everyone (again for many of these points):

- Please ensure that you are wearing a face covering on school site or if you are exempt, you wear a lanyard, which indicates this.
- Please ensure that you are following our one-way system, unless you have been given permission to enter / exit via a different route due to a medical / health reason. If you are exempt and your health improves, please follow the set routes.
- Please be on time for school and follow the staggered times.
- Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 – please drop your child off at their classroom doors.
- Do not ride scooters or bikes on school site - this applies to adults and children.
- No dogs on school site.
- Please park safely and respectfully – do not block drives or park on yellow zigzags or double park so roads cannot be accessed.
- Please do not play loud music in cars whilst waiting to collect children as this disturbs our residents.

Attendance

Children cannot attend school if they have any of the three symptoms of Covid-19: new, continuous cough, lost of taste / smell or a temperature. If your child has a common cold, they should attend school. If your child's attendance drops below 90%, (not including Covid related illnesses) we will need medical evidence in order to authorise absences.

Contact with staff

Just to remind you, if you need to speak to a member of staff at the end of the school day, please wait until they have dismissed all of the children. Be aware, there are often meetings / training straight after school and staff may need to organise a different time to talk to you.

Please note: Oughton Primary and Nursery School does **not** associate with political campaigns, political parties or support political views. If our school name has been used to aid any campaign, it is not with our endorsement.

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.

Some Parents have been asking us about 2021 / 2022 dates. These have now been set. Please see our website.

Keeping our children safe

We have linked with the NSPCC to promote children's safety.

Later this month, we will be using their Assemblies and using some of their resources to 'Speak out, stay safe.'

The Assemblies focus on keeping safe, including online, Covid-19 and talking to trusted adults. They are age appropriate and will be shared with KS 1 and 2.

We will also be looking to raise some money for this worthwhile charity. We will be sending information about this nearer the time.

Governor Information

Our Governors have been meeting regularly this year.

This term, Governors have been meeting with subject leaders to discuss the Curriculum.

Rev Nick Smith has been in and met with our School Council (socially distancing and outside of course) and they have discussed their ideas to promote well-being in the community.