



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

## July 2021

### Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has definitely been a rollercoaster ride but it has certainly flown by! When you consider the changes that have taken place, it has been a truly amazing year at Oughton.

I have waited with bated breathe until today to say this but, I am delighted to let you know that, amazingly, we have not sent any bubbles home at all this year, or indeed, last year either!

We have managed this due to our rigorous procedures such as cleaning throughout the day, face masks in school and social distancing procedures across the school, plus a lot of luck! Some children have needed to self-isolate unfortunately although they have been able to access their learning remotely to avoid them falling behind. We have also had some staff self-isolating, following the Government guidance as directed, which has been challenging for staff within school but they have soldiered on regardless with smiles on their faces, to which I am hugely thankful to them for.

I would like to say thank you to you as Parents for following our procedures, I know it has not been easy and it has not suited everyone with the one-way system or mask wearing. However, for many Parents, our procedures have help reduce their worries - we are always mindful for everyone.

Thank you to those Parents who have communicated so well with us regarding any illnesses in the family and thank you for following the Government guidelines of self-isolating and taking your children to have a PCR test to protect others. It certainly helped. I would also like to personally thank our Office staff for their hard work in tracking any possible Covid-19 symptoms. As you can imagine, it has not been easy.

### Year 6 Leavers

I am so pleased that we managed to ensure that Parents could join us remotely for our Leavers' Assembly. It almost seemed like old times with the whole school (via Teams) plus Year 6 Parents - the major difference being Parents were able to have a cup of tea and watch from a cooler environment than a school hall!

I would like to say that I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 children this year. They excelled during the Lockdown, working so hard on Teams and their engagement was superb. They have continued their great attitude to their work in class. Although they were unable to produce a live end of term performance, they recorded their Year 6 Performance and classes watched it yesterday. A copy is ready for Year 6 to collect on Friday 23rd July, see the ParentMail sent earlier today. We wish our Year 6 children every success at their Secondary Schools.

### Staff News

Sadly, we said goodbye to Miss Harvey yesterday who is moving onto a different career next term. We have loved working with her and hope to see her in the future. We wish her much luck.

### September 2021

I will let you know the procedures for September, once these have been finalised in August. We will be following any Government guidance and all Risk Assessments will be updated. Please watch out for a ParentMail which will be sent out during the holidays. Our new Nursery Parents and Reception Parents have been informed of the Transition in place for September.

We very much hope that things settle down next year so that we can welcome you all back onto site and resume our normal schedule of school community events.

Please have a lovely Summer and stay safe everyone. See you in September!

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

2021 / 2022 dates are on our website.

Thursday 2nd Sept: Back to School for Reception to Year 6. Reception children pick up at 12pm. Nursery children booked visits am.

Friday 3rd Sept: Reception children staying for lunch, pick up 1pm. Nursery children booked visits am.

Monday 6th Sept: Reception all day. Nursery children booked visits am.

Tuesday 7th Sept: Nursery start  
Fri 22nd Oct: Inset Day  
Half term: 25th - 29th Oct

### Classroom changes

Due to accessibility, we have needed to change two classrooms next year.

Year 4 - Beech with Miss Daniels will now be in the classroom opposite the KS 2 Adventure Playground, previously Miss Harvey's class in Year 4.

Year 5 Willow B - with Miss Chandarana will now be upstairs in the KS 2 block, this will be accessed by the gym door. This classroom was previously the Year 3 classroom.

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who responded to our end of year questionnaire. Overall, your feedback is overwhelmingly positive, which is particularly pleasing given the challenges we have had again this year.

Remember, if you have any concerns, please let us know as soon as they arise. Feel free to talk to your child's Teacher in the first instance.