



# Newsletter

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Welcome back!

After such an unusual period of absence from school, we could not be more impressed and proud of how your children have returned to their learning. Despite questions and concerns they may have had, it has been business as usual, if not better.

I would also like to thank you all for your support and understanding now and since lockdown. It is not easy for us to plan things to meet everyone's needs but we are very grateful to you for working with us. We have had some feedback from parents and some ideas of things that may help to improve systems (greatly appreciated when people offer solutions too). It is not always possible to do everything we want but we hope to be able to make some adjustments to help at the start and end of the school day, so please keep checking your emails.

Sadly, a very small number of parents and carers have not managed the return quite so successfully and have been unacceptably rude to members of my staff. Other parents and carers are not impressed by or happy with what they have had to witness. I must remind everyone that abusive behaviour towards staff or in front of children will not be tolerated and action will be taken against perpetrators of this. Children have a right to be in the school environment and not feel threatened or intimidated by the behaviour of adults and all stakeholders, including my staff, have the same entitlement.

We are aware that we are sharing a lot of information with you and that it might be difficult to follow it all. If you have any ideas or suggestions to help it to be easier to understand, please email the school office.

Thank you again for your continuing support. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next week.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Tipple

## Reminder of Gate Times

**THESE MAY CHANGE IN THE NEXT WEEK SO KEEP LOOKING AT YOUR EMAILS**

<b>Main Gate</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Exit</b>
Nursery	8.45am	11.45am
Year R	8.55am	2.45pm
Year 1	9.05am	2.55pm
Year 2	9.15am	3.15pm
<b>Rear Gate</b>	<b>Entry</b>	<b>Exit</b>
Year 3	8.45am	2.45pm
Year 4	8.55am	2.55pm
Year 5	9.05am	3.05pm
Year 6	9.15am	3.15pm

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT THE GATE BEFORE YOUR ALLOCATED ARRIVAL TIME.**

**Please be respectful at all times of residents properties, particularly when waiting at the rear gate.**

All pupils can only enter/exit at the designated time and place (parents can walk siblings round in the 5 minute window or older siblings can go to their gate independently). Parents must collect their child/ren from the relevant gate not from across the road to ensure the safeguarding of children.

### **Important request:**

We ask that only 1 adult per family brings the children to school and only 1 adult per family collects the children from school. Please ensure you social distance in accordance with the Government Guidelines.

## Reminder of PE Days

Your child will need to wear their P.E. kit and PE trainers **to school** on their P.E. days. They will need to wear their tracksuit over their P.E. shorts and P.E. t-shirt. In wet weather, your child can wear outdoor shoes to school and change into their P.E. trainers when they arrive. No earrings are to be worn on P.E. days.

**Monday:** Year 1, Year 2, Year 6

**Tuesday:** Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

**Wednesday:** Reception (from week beginning 21st September), Year 6

**Thursday:** Year 1, Year 2, Year 4

**Friday:** Reception (from week beginning 21st September), Year 3, Year 5

## Free School Meals

Your child could be entitled to free school meals which could benefit your child throughout their primary education. Log onto [KCC Free School Meals](#) and fill out the online form. This takes minutes - yourself and the school are notified immediately.

## Olive Dining

Just a reminder that school dinners cost £2.40 a day (£12 a week) and Olive Dining have asked that this is paid on a Monday. Menus can be found [here](#). The correct money must be put in an envelope with the child's name, class and the amount of money in the envelope.

## Cold, Flu or COVID-19

Over the coming months it is likely that from time to time students will suffer from seasonal colds and flu. This will make identifying people infected with COVID-19 much more difficult and therefore it is important to understand the symptoms of COVID-19 and be able to spot the difference between them and a common cold or other condition

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. If using a thermometer then it would generally be considered high if it is over 37.8 degrees.
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- **Breathing difficulties** - can be a symptom with more severe infections

The following symptoms are not usually associated with COVID-19 and therefore are likely to indicate a different condition:

- **Sneezing** – this is most commonly associated with a cold or an allergy
- **Body aches** - this is most commonly associated with cold or flu
- **Headache** - this is most commonly associated with a flu
- **Sore throat** - this is most commonly associated with a cold
- **Runny nose** - this is most commonly associated with a cold
- **Diarrhea** - this is most commonly associated with flu or a gastro infection

If you are not sure whether you have a cold, flu or COVID-19 then you can use [NHS 111](#) online who have a symptom checker that will help identify the most likely condition.

## Pupil Absences / Appointments

Please ensure you call the school office before 9 am to let us know if your child is unwell. If the school office is unavailable, please leave a message.

We would ask that you make routine appointments for your child/ren outside of school times as only emergency appointments will be authorised. If your child/ren have a hospital appointment, please email the school office with details i.e date/time of appointment then show the class teacher at the gate a copy of the hospital letter.



Pupils' school email details will be resent to all parents as well as instructions for how to log on shortly.

Brain Builders will be starting on Friday 18 September and they are to be returned/submitted to the Google Classroom the following Wednesday.

### **My Child At School**

All Parents/Carers should have received their log-in details for the above. We are aware of a few teething problems which we are trying to resolve but ALL parents must log in as, over the coming months, this will become the main source of payment and a good channel of communication. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

### **Breakfast Club**

As you are aware, breakfast club resumes on Monday 14th September. Only the children who are booked in can attend for that term. We would ask that those children attending breakfast club arrive promptly at 7.45 am as the gate will close at 7.50 am and **we are unable to accept any late children**. If you haven't booked your child's place you can do so via [My Child At School](#).

### **Brigade School Uniform**

We understand that there has been a delay in parents receiving their orders but we have been assured that all orders have now been processed, so all pupils will be in full school uniform (including P.E. kit) from Monday 12th September. If you have not received your order please email the school office who will be able to assist.

For future school uniform orders, please order via [Brigade](#).

### **Key Dates:**

14 September - Breakfast Club starts  
23 September - Whole School Photographs  
1 October - National Poetry Day\*  
5 October - Spanish Day\*  
16 October - Last Day of Term 1  
19 - 30 October - Half Term  
2 November - First day of term 2  
16 November - Nasal Flu Immunisation\*

\* more details to follow

### **Communication**

For all communication please continue to use [contactus@oaksprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:contactus@oaksprimaryacademy.org.uk) This email address is monitored throughout the day and all messages are passed onto the appropriate member of staff and will be answered in due course.

Please also ensure you are regularly checking your emails, [Twitter](#) and our [website](#) for updates.