



OAK VIEW PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR PARENTS & CARERS ABOUT FULL SCHOOL OPENING IN SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Will school be open every day from September?

Yes, the Government have stated that all schools will reopen fully in September. All pupils will be attending school from Monday to Friday every day in term time from September 2020.

2. Do I have to send my child to school in September, is it compulsory?

Yes, the Government have stated that all parents/carers must ensure their child/children attend school from September. Parents and carers will need to let the school know through the usual processes if their child/children will not be attending school on a daily basis and the reason why. There will be the normal processes in place for low/non attendance from September.

3. Will my child be expected to wear school uniform?

Yes, all pupils are expected to wear school uniform. On the days your child / children have PE or Forest School they must come to school in PE kit or outdoor clothes.

4. How will the school be minimising coronavirus (COVID-19) risks?

The Government have set out in their guidance systems of control which are both protective measures and preventative measures which we will be fully compliant with. The principles behind these measures are that there is a requirement that people who have COVID-19 symptoms to stay at home, there is robust hand and respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning arrangements, active engagement with NHS Test and trace, consideration in reducing contacts and maximise distance between those in school, wherever possible, to minimise the potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

5. What will this look like at Oak View?

We will be minimising contact between pupils by having year group bubbles. Your child/children will only have contact with other children within their year groups each day. They will have lessons, breaktime and lunchtime in their bubble. Your child/children, for the majority of the time, will have the same members of staff teaching and supporting them; however, they will be taught and supported by different members of staff when required. Examples of when your child/children will have other members of staff teaching them or supporting them are – PPA cover for teachers, specialist teachers (PE), Learning Mentor support and outside agencies supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. All classrooms from Year 1 to Year 6 will have rows of tables facing the front. All pupils will have an allocated table and they will have their own tray, stationary and books.

6. What are the other main safety procedures you will have in place in school?

As well as minimising contact between pupils and staff social distancing we will adhere to the Government guidance on safety and protective measures throughout the school day which states: *This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.*

Prevention:

1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school

2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual

3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach

5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

Numbers 1 to 4 must be in place in all schools, all the time.

Number 5 must be properly considered and schools must put in place measures that suit their particular circumstances.

Response to any infection:

6) engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

7) manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community

8) contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 to 9 must be followed in every case where they are relevant.

7. Will teachers, staff and pupils have to use Personal Protective equipment (PPE)?

Government guidance states that teachers, staff and pupils will not generally use PPE. If a child becomes unwell and is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, staff will have to isolate that child from others and use PPE to protect themselves. In some circumstances, for example where a child needs personal care or has specific additional needs, staff will use PPE whilst they support a child.

8. Will these measures mean that no-one will contract COVID-19?

No. COVID-19 can be contracted from anywhere and brought into school by one person who transmits it on. By maintaining year group bubbles and minimising contact with other groups, and staff social distancing as much as possible, we reduce the risk of transmission. It is important that parents/carers and pupils outside of school also follow the Government guidance on minimising the risk of transmission. **If a child tests positive for COVID-19, their whole year group bubble, including staff in that group has to be absent from school for 14 days as per government guidance.**

9. What happens if a child has symptoms?

Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 7 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If anyone in the school or at home becomes unwell with a new, continuous 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 or stay at home and follow stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age and needs of the child, with appropriate adult supervision if required.

The school will engage with the NHS Test and Trace process if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the school.

10. What will be happening at lunchtimes?

For the first half term all children will need a packed lunch that will be eaten either in their classroom or on the school field (depending upon weather). We will be providing Free School Meals (FSM) for those from Year R to Year 6 who qualify. There will be staggered lunchtimes, as there is in normal circumstances. Each whole class bubble will be allocated a zone in either the playground or Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Reception pupils will be allocated a zone in the Reception outdoor area. There may be times that your child's whole class bubble will be in the classroom rather than outside.

11. How will my child access the school building?

We will operate staggered start and finish times and specific locations for year groups. The one way system will remain, with only one adult family member allowed on the school site.

12. How will the school reduce the number of parents and children on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day?

Start and end times will be staggered, with some classes starting and finishing slightly earlier than others. We will have different entrances and exits and there will be designated routes into and out of school, these must be followed by parents/carers. Only 1 adult should drop off a child and ensure that they socially distance from other adults on the school site. Parents/carers will not be able to remain on the school site once their child/children have entered or left the building, you must leave straight away and ensure that social distancing measures are followed at all times both inside and outside of the school premises. If you have more than one child at school and they are in different year groups please make sure you wait in an appropriate place, in the school grounds, and social distance at all times.

13. Will parents/carers be able to go into the main office or speak to teachers?

The office will remain closed to parents, if you need to speak to the office staff please either call, email or speak to a member of staff on the school gate. We will be continuing with a maximum of two people in the main entrance area if parents/carers need to speak to an Admin member of staff urgently or if they are collecting their child early. To minimise contact we ask that all parents/carers make an appointment to speak to their child's teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. If at all possible this will then result in a telephone conversation.

14. Will school be running Breakfast Club and After School Clubs?

Breakfast Club– unfortunately, we are unable to run Breakfast Club as we normally do from September. We will follow government guidelines and reevaluate the situation at Autumn half term if possible.

After School Clubs (school)– unfortunately, we are unable to run clubs as we normally do from September. We will follow government guidelines and reevaluate the situation at Autumn half term if possible.

15. What will my child be doing in school?

The focus for schools in the autumn will be upon ensuring that pupils are ready to learn and as such social and emotional learning will be prioritised. The act of recovery is at least as much an emotional and social one, as it is academic, and our ability to recognise and plan for this will be at the heart of our learners' eventual success.

16. What should my child bring from home?

They can bring their book bag, lunchbox and bottle of water. No stationary, toys or any other items will be allowed in this first half term.

17. Will my child be going swimming, on day trips or residential trips?

Swimming – the Government announced that swimming pools can reopen on 25th July, so at this moment we are unable to say whether swimming will be happening for our pupils in the autumn term. We will update as soon as we are aware.

Day Trips – there will be no day trips in the autumn 1 term

Residential Trips – at this moment residential trips are not allowed; we are hopeful that some residential trips will be able to happen in the summer term but are unable to say whether this will be the case at the moment