



Covid 19 – Start of Year Newsletter 2020 / 2021

‘We Listen, We Learn, We Shine’

WELCOME BACK

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 7th September. We will be following the latest guidance from the Government for this process and look for your support and cooperation with the necessary changes we had put in place.

Lockdown return to Overdale.

Entry into school

KS1 and KS2 children will enter school through the **gates at the bottom of the school pathway.** Please encourage KS2 children to come to school independently, or walk them close to school and stand back from the entrance to check they enter safely. We **MUST** keep the number of adults outside school to a minimum, to support social distancing.

Year group	Y5 and Y6	Y3 and Y4	Y1 and Y2	EYFS
Entry	8.30am	8.40am	8.50am	8.45am
Exit	2.50pm	3pm	3.10pm	11.45am week 1

ALL classes will be collected by their teachers and escorted to **HANDWASHING** provision before entering their classroom bubble. Every class is its own bubble but pairs of bubbles will eat lunch together and play outside together. Classroom expectations regarding COVID will be shared with your child at an **age appropriate level** at the start of the day.

Early Years

Early Years will enter through their own gates further along the perimeter fence leading into the Nursery Building. Again only children will enter the site, please wait on the pavement or grassed area for your child to be called into the playground. Please support children to walk up the path independently. Collection will be by the same process, wait at the gate and your child will be handed over to you. For the first week ALL reception and Nursery children will finish at 11.45am. Starting 14th September ALL Reception aged children will do full days through to 3.05pm, Nursery children parents will be advised by Mrs Stewart about suitability for individual children to move to additional hours.

Break times - these will be staggered.

Lunchtimes - these will be staggered but 2 bubbles will use the hall together.

Exit from school - these will be staggered, see table above.

Face masks - children are **not to wear** these in school, please leave them at home or ensure your child can give the mask to an adult outside the school gate.

Developing symptoms - please follow the guidance on the website www.gov.uk/backto school. This also applies if you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID

Staffing updates for the new school year

Year group	Teachers
Early Years UNIT Reception and Nursery until October Half Term	Mrs Stewart, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Thomas and Miss Lester, with Mrs Mills on Tuesdays.
Year 1	Mrs Marshall, Mrs Varley and Mrs Wood
Year 2	Mr Bowman and Mrs Hemingway (Wed / Thu) Mrs Bateman
Year 3	Mrs Kershaw and Mr Hewitt
Year 4	Mr Watson and Mrs Mills (Wed / Thu) Mrs Lawton
Year 5	Miss Bonnett and Miss Popowitsch
Year 6	Mr Lawton and Mrs Meads
All classes	Miss Quinn RE teaching in KS1 and KS2 classes.

Our teaching and Learning will be carefully crafted to ensure we allow children to re-adapt to school life and learning after the Covid pandemic. We will watch for the right time to accelerate every child's learning and initiate catch up programmes for those who need it by the end of September. We will be screening our children in mid-Sept to enable them to resettle into the 'new normal' school life. We are very much aware that many children have been successfully home schooled and hence this will not require additional intervention.

Attendance in school for September 2020 is presently statutory, any nonattendance will have to be addressed through the Local Authority processes.

Uniform sales

Uniform can be purchased by emailing office@overdale.n-yorks.sch. Requesting the uniform you would like to purchase. Please then pay on Parent Pay and the uniform can be collected on Monday 7th between 10am to 2pm, or you can request that we send the uniform home with your child in your email.

Breakfast Club / Books and Bagels

This will be open from Monday to ensure childcare provision for working parents. Breakfast Club will open at 7.50am and the doors will close at 8am. Children from all classes can attend. It is not possible to separate children attending the club from children in other class bubbles.

Please pay in advance on Parent Pay for your child to attend. If you are receiving benefits your child can attend free of charge.

Books and Bagels will not be happening up to half term, we will review this provision after half term.

Items brought into school.

Please minimize the number of items your child brings into school. PE kits should be brought into school on Monday and remain in school until Friday. Lunchboxes need to be plastic / washable, no ruck sacs or plastic bags please. Reading books will go home according to class expectations but this may not be as frequently as usual due to cleaning routines. Needed.

Our school website has the links to Government guidance for returning to Primary school for your reference..

With our very best wishes for a healthy and

successful return to Overdale School.

