



Covid 19 – Newsletter 2

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‘We Listen, We Learn, We Shine’

Thank you!

We are thrilled with the way our children and parents have worked with, and accepted the entry and exit expectations for Overdale school. We know that it is frustrating to have to wait, especially for families with more than one child, but we do appreciate your patience.

Communications at this time of day.

Due to social distancing we are not able to take short messages and ‘chat’ with parents as we previously did. If you have important messages for the class teachers, please continue to tell us them, via the telephone message, dojo’s or, **at distance if absolutely necessary.** If the message needs to be private, please call the school office and they will pass it on to the teacher and the teacher will call you at the end of the day.

Lockdown return to Overdale.

We will continue to review and amend our systems in school as directed by the Local Authority and the Government, whilst trying not to make repeated changes, as we know this does not help children and their families. Please be assured any changes we make will be for the benefit of the children or mandatory accountability.

We are presently working and learning inside class bubbles with tables facing forward in Y2 to Y6 classrooms. This is not the best way to support children’s learning, especially in the Early years and KS1, hence we are reviewing this regularly and amending as we go along. The guidance tells us we can resume LEARNING INTERVENTIONS so we are planning to bring these back into our practice across the next 2 weeks. These small group teaching sessions are vital for ‘catch up’ learning, but it does mean children going into another smaller bubble of 6 children.

The hand washing and staggered playtimes / dinner times are taking up some of our learning time and we are looking at ways to improve our systems for this, without compromising our COVID protection routines. All requirement for hand washing and sanitising **will be provided by school.** Please ensure your child leaves personal bottles of sanitiser at home. If your child has prescription hand washing liquid, please let us know and we will put systems in place to ensure this is used, for them only.

Transition times are working well and children are following the ‘hands behind backs’ expectations whenever possible. We have reinforced the importance of this rule and would appreciate your support for this at home. A minority of older children are struggling with this rule, failure to follow this rule puts all of us at risk, and hence this cannot be tolerated.



OVERDALE C P SCHOOL - MENU

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	Sausage in a homemade bun, Diced Potatoes Peas & Coleslaw ~~~ Melon & Pineapple	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Diced Potatoes Coleslaw & Salad ~~~ Fruit Crumble & Custard
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognaise Cucumber Sticks & Grated carrot Garlic Bread ~~~ Chocolate Orange Sponge & Custard	Minced Beef & Dumplings. Mashed potato Broccoli & Sweetcorn, Bread ~~~ Lime & Lemon drizzle cake
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Stuffing Roast Potatoes, Mixed Veg ~~~ Fresh fruit Salad with cream	Chicken Pie New Potatoes, Peas & Carrots ~~~ Banana Custard
Thursday	Chicken Korma Brown Rice, Sweetcorn, Broccoli Naan Bread ~~~ Arctic Roll	Roast Pork Loin with homemade apple sauce Roast Potatoes, Carrots Sweetcorn ~~~~ Flapjack
Friday	Homemade Fishcakes Potato Wedges & Baked Beans Salad ~~~ Chocolate Crispie	Fish Fingers Chips, tomato sauce Veg Sticks & Crusty Bread ~~~ Watermelon

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt, Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches and salads available every day.

<p>Week One</p> <p>W/c Monday 14th September W/c Monday 28th September W/c Monday 12th October</p>	<p>Week Two</p> <p>W/c Monday 21st September W/c Monday 5th October W/c Monday 19th October</p>
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PACKED LUNCHES / NUT FREE school.

Please ensure that that your child does not bring nut snacks / peanut butter sandwiches into school in their lunch boxes as we have a child in school who has a severe allergy to nuts. We would appreciate it if you could send in PLASTIC lunch boxes that can be easily wiped for covid hygiene purposes.

Lunchtime drinks

We continue to provide milk and water for all children at lunchtime. If your child does bring in their own bottle of water it is helpful for us if the bottle is separate from the lunch box so that we can wipe the bottle without opening the lunchbox.

Inhalers in school

If your child uses as an inhaler they **MUST** have one in school. The inhaler must be in a box showing that it has been prescribed by a doctor. The inhaler will be stored in the child's classroom for easy access during lessons and in particular PE lessons.

Home Reading Books

Please return any **HOME READING** books to school. Our stocks are very low as we gave out lots of books in the Lockdown.

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.

Personal possessions / lost property

We are no longer allowed to store lost property. Please reinforce with your child that they must take home their clothing (jumpers, cardigans, coats) EVERY DAY. Teachers will remind children but they sometimes say they didn't come to school in a coat when they did! Children wanting to return into school at the end of the day to collect possessions will have to wait until all class bubbles are out of the building. .

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

Also our DOJO site allows you to contact your child's class teacher directly, please contact school if you have not yet signed up and we will get you started. Well done RECEPTION class you have the highest level of parental engagement across Overdale school.

