

# Overdale Community Primary School

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## Lockdown 3 at Overdale CPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now completed 3 weeks of Lockdown and have some information to share with you.

### Who can come to school?

The criteria remains the same, but some places of work have now been included in the 'key worker' title and families where there is ONE key worker in the home, can request a place in school. Those who meet the Vulnerability criteria (this includes CP children, CIN children and children who have historically had a social worker) can ask school to consider their individual circumstances.

Please contact us if you would like clarification on whether your family meets the criteria for keyworker or Vulnerability. We are more than happy to check this for you and to discuss with you how we reach any decision we make.

We fully understand that HOME LEARNING is a challenge and if we can help in anyway with this please ask. We are more than happy to give exercise books and stationary to children who are working at home.

### What is it like in school?

We have four bubbles:

Bubble 1 – Year 5 and Year 6, due to numbers, some parts of the day are taught in separate classrooms to keep class sizes small.

Bubble 2 - Year 3 and Year 4

Bubble 3 – Year 1 and Year 2 operating across two classrooms

Bubble 4 – Early Years

All bubbles are taught by a teacher from their bubble and supported by a learning support assistant (LSA) from their bubble. Bubble sizes are between 10 and 20 children now and this varies from day to day, according to parents' working patterns.

Breakfast club has now become Morning Club which opens at 7.50am and provides childcare, the children are not offered food at this time. Children are escorted to their bubbles at 8.40am.

School starts at **8.45am**, children leave parents at the school gate and come into school through the school office and staff escort them to their bubbles for immediate handwashing.

Breakfast is offered to every child in school at 9am and is served in the hall on designated class bubble tables. This includes: fresh fruit, cereals, toast, beans and sometimes eggs / alternative toast toppings.

Learning follows the home learning plans with breaks being agreed within bubbles. Lunchtime is one sitting, again on designated bubble tables, as we only have 60-70 children on site each day.

School closes at **2.55pm** and again children leave through the school office with staff escorting them to the main gate.

Handwashing is frequent throughout the day and children are encouraged to use the space in the bubble to socially distance. All tables in KS2 are forward facing in line with the LA guidance for Primary schools. KS1 and EYFS operate free flow activities with stringent hygiene practices in place. Crossing of bubbles is managed with staggered activities and designated areas for such times as lunchtimes, where the hall is very spacious and well ventilated.

### **Home Learning**

This is happening on the Dojo platform and working incredibly well – THANK YOU. We would like to see EVERY child interacting on the site and we are very close to achieving this. If you are still not engaging with your teachers on the site they will be calling you to support you and your child to join the class.

As many of you will already know, teachers will be teaching children through video links that will be posted on your child's Class Dojo page. Your child will be taught by their class teacher, who will upload a maths, reading, phonics/spelling and writing video that the teacher has recorded. This video will be uploaded to the Dojo Class Story page, alongside some topic ideas for all curriculum areas of learning.

Teachers ask that parents encourage and support their children to listen to their teacher on video and complete the learning activities with support (from their teacher) at home. The learning will not come with a timetable, as we know that home life does not fit a school timetable. Teachers will upload videos and learning support for families to access as suits their day. If you could take pictures of your child's work and upload them to their portfolio that would be fantastic. Teachers can then see children's learning and support them every step of the way. Parents can message teachers on Class Dojo, speak to them on the phone or email our school office with any questions you may have around your child's learning.

Our learning support assistants (LSA's) and teachers will be monitoring Class Dojo during school hours to see the work that your child has completed for their portfolio and give praise and feedback at every opportunity.

### **Pupil Premium – Laptop loan at home.**

We have received **22 laptops** into school for allocation to eligible families. The laptops will be allocated to eligible families next week. If school has already deemed your family eligible you will receive an email with the **Laptop Loan Contract** attached for you to read and we will ask you to sign the contract on collection of the laptop early next week. Laptops can only be taken by those who sign the contract and agree to the terms and conditions stated in there. See contract below.

This is the criteria for laptop:

1. Have Pupil Premium status in school (often referred to as free school meals entitlement).
2. Children **NOT** attending school in the Lockdown time; since January 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. If your child is accessing school in this time, they already have access to a laptop when they are on school site.
3. Your child is able to **evidence learning at home**. This may be **REGULAR** Dojo posts, or visits to school to collect extra resources for learning at home.

In addition to these criteria, the school can make decisions on individual circumstances to allocate / not allocate a laptop. Please be aware that we have been allocated 22 laptops and we have 211 children in school, we will make every effort to allocate laptops in a fair way. If you have not

received your contract by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January and you think you meet the criteria, please call school and let us know.

### **Pupil Premium - Free School Meals provision**

The voucher system has been activated for Overdale School this week and the vouchers should be emailed to eligible families next week. Please call the school office and speak to Mrs Hughes if you have not received them by then. If you chose the M&S option for your voucher, the value of the voucher increases from £15 to £20.

### **Well-being**

Class teachers have now made phone calls to every child to check on home learning and wellbeing. If you would like to speak to the teacher directly, you can make this request via the school office and the teacher will call you back when they are teaching on school site. Alternatively, you can message on Dojo's and teachers will reply when they are delivering remote learning at home. If you think we can help in any way, please ask, and we will do our best to meet your requests.

### **Test/Statutory assessments**

The Department of Education have informed us that no statutory assessments will take place at the end of the school year 2021. This includes:

Year 6 SATs

Year 2 SATs

Year 1 phonic assessments

EYFS Baseline assessments

As always, teachers will continue to assess attainment and progress for every child and report this to parents in their end of year reports. We will work hard on the vital transition process our Year 6 children need to ensure a smooth and effective move into secondary education.

We are pleased to receive this announcement, as this will enable the teachers to focus on teaching children as individuals, with different learning needs, rather than teaching to an 'age related' expectation test.

### **Going Forward**

Please support your child with home learning as fits with your family circumstances, little and often is much better than a longer session. Please remember teaching is **our** job, we are more than happy to support parents in the role of remote learning as parent / teacher.

**Looking forward to seeing you all healthy and shining when the Lockdown is lifted.**

**All Staff at Overdale School**

## Device loan agreement for pupils



### **1. This agreement is between:**

1) Overdale Primary School, Hawthorn Walk, Eastfield, Scarborough YO11 3HW ("the school")

2) Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

("the parent" and "I")

And governs the use and care of devices assigned to the parent's child (the "pupil"). This agreement covers the period from the date the device is issued through to the return date of the device to the school.

All issued equipment shall remain the sole property of the school and is governed by the school's policies.

1. The school is lending the pupil a laptop ("the equipment") for the purpose of doing school work from home.
2. This agreement sets the conditions for taking an Overdale School laptop ("the equipment") home.

I confirm that I have read the terms and conditions set out in the agreement and my signature at the end of this agreement confirms that I and the pupil will adhere to the terms of loan.

### **2. Damage/loss**

By signing this agreement I agree to take full responsibility for the loan equipment issued to the pupil and I have read or heard this agreement read aloud and understand the conditions of the agreement.

I understand that I and the pupil are responsible for the equipment at all times whether on the school's property or not.

If the equipment is damaged, lost or stolen, I will immediately inform Mrs Logan, and I acknowledge that I am responsible for the reasonable costs requested by the school to repair or replace the equipment. If the equipment is stolen, I will also immediately inform the police.

I agree to keep the equipment in good condition and to return it to the school on their demand from the school in the same condition.

I will not leave the equipment unsupervised in unsecured areas.

I will make sure my child takes the following measures to protect the device:

- Keep the device in a secure place when not in use;
- Don't leave the device in a car or on show at home;
- Don't eat or drink around the device;
- Don't lend the device to siblings or friends;
- Don't leave the equipment unsupervised in unsecured areas.

### 3. Unacceptable use

I am aware that the school monitors the pupil's remote learning activity on this device.

I agree that my child will not carry out any activity that constitutes 'unacceptable use'.

This includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Using ICT or the internet to bully or harass someone else, or to promote unlawful discrimination
- Any illegal conduct, or statements which are deemed to be advocating illegal activity
- Activity which defames or disparages the school, or risks bringing the school into disrepute
- Causing intentional damage to ICT facilities or materials
- Using inappropriate or offensive language

I accept that the school will sanction the pupil, in line with our Behaviour Policy, if the pupil engages in any of the above **at any time**.

### 4. Personal use

I agree that the pupil will only use this device for educational purposes and not for personal use and will not loan the equipment to any other person.

### 5. Data protection

I agree to take the following measures to keep the data on the device protected.

- Keep the equipment password-protected - strong passwords with a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers;
- Make sure my child locks the equipment if it's left inactive for a period of time

### 6. Return date

- I will return the device in its original condition to the school office within 7 days of being requested to do so.
- I will ensure the return of the equipment to the school if the pupil no longer attends the school.

### 7. Consent

By signing this form, I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions set out above.

<b>PUPIL'S FULL NAME</b>	
<b>PARENT'S FULL NAME</b>	
<b>PARENT'S SIGNATURE</b>	
<b>Date loan started</b>	_____ <b>January 2021</b>