



## Covid 19 - May Newsletter 2020 'We Listen, We Learn, We Shine'

### THANK YOU

Once again we have been overwhelmed by successes with HOME LEARNING. Thank you for all your efforts and for sharing your work with us, this really helps to keep our spirits strong. We appreciate your connection with Dojos' enabling us to 'see' and hear about your learning at home. You are going a great job, we are proud of you. Keep it up.

### Lifting the Lockdown

In the more recent Government's guidance around school opening, we have been tasked to open our school to all children by the end of the school year. This is not possible for Overdale school to consider, as we will not be able to 'socially distance' our children in the teaching and learning environment and handwashing as regularly as is needed is not possible for the whole school.



### Pupil well-being

We are very concerned that many of our children are anxious about 'seeing' their teacher again before moving up to their next class and also about their next teacher and who that will be. To support our children and families with this, alongside taking a step forward towards returning to school, we have made a draft plan. More SPECIFIC details will follow for individual year groups. This is the DRAFT OVERVIEW and may need to change if circumstances change with the virus activity.

Please see below table.

Date	Year group
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 and 3
Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 and EYFS
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6

On these week's parents will receive an INVITATION for their child to come into school. The invitation will state the days, the start and finish times and the routines that will be in place. It is unlikely that any year group will be offered a full week or that days will start and finish at the previous school day times.

It is **PARENT CHOICE** to send or not send their child to school. There will not be penalties for children who do not attend.

Please be assured that everything will be in place to keep your child safe as far as is possible and to meet the Government Guidelines, again as far as is possible when they do attend. We ask for your understanding when implementing these guidelines, we **would not be able to guarantee a distance of 2 metres** between children at all times. We will ensure that children are placed so that they do not make contact with another child or a member of staff during teaching time. Handwashing, movement around school and playtimes will be supervised to support social distancing but again a distance of 2 metres cannot be guaranteed.

### **Collection of parent views on returning to school.**

To enable us to plan for this, we will send out a text message next week asking you to complete a survey informing us of your decision. **PLEASE** complete this survey to enable us to plan for the numbers of children we will have on site.

### **Behaviour expectations**

The safety and welfare of every child is at the top of our agenda and for this reason our behaviour expectations will be less flexible than usual. Any child who chooses not to adhere to the social distancing expectations or displays conduct that causes hygiene concerns will be sent home with immediate effect. They will not be able to return to complete their year group sessions.

Having said this, we fully understand, especially with younger children that many of their actions will not be intentional and in these circumstances we will support our children to understand social distancing as fits their ability.

## Key worker children

Provision will be as it has been since the start of Lockdown. However, when the transition is happening for the year group they are in, they will participate in the teaching with their peers.

## Crisis support

If you or your family find yourself in a crisis situation please call the school on 01723 582360 between 8am and 3pm Mon to Fri or email [office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) and we will do our best to help you.



## Reports

End of year reports have been completed by all teachers for their classes. Teachers will make telephone calls to you and give you the opportunity to discuss the report and meet your requests for support with home learning. We hope that you will make your parent comments through the [office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:office@overdale.n-yorks.sch.uk) email address.

## Free school meal Vouchers

Children who are eligible for 'Pupil Premium Funding' are entitled to **£15** per child, per week in the form of Supermarket vouchers which will be distributed by school. This voucher scheme **does not include** the government's Universal Free School Meal Children which covers all of our EYFS and KS1 pupils. Therefore, for your child to be eligible for supermarket vouchers you must fit the government criteria and have completed the Pupil Premium form and handed it in to our school office. The form and further information can be found below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Finally, we wish you a **SAFE** and **HEALTHY** first step back to school and very much look forward to welcoming you all back into school full time when we are safely able to do so.

*With our very best wishes from all  
the staff at Overdale School.*

