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Welcome back to all pupils

Good afternoon,

Today is the last day of remote learning for almost all pupils and we very much look forward to seeing all pupils except those identified as being CEV, on Monday morning. I wanted to get in touch to convey final messages to make Monday go as smoothly as possible for all.

All pupils in all year groups should use the children's gate to enter school. Years 5 & 6 will then be directed across the grass to their classrooms. We have building works taking place therefore the children's gate provides the safest route in and out of school.

Year 4 pupils who attend breakfast club should enter through the main entrance. All other children attending breakfast club should enter through their classroom doors.

There is a very short period of time to go now before we can meet people in our gardens or other outdoor spaces, therefore I am appealing to all families to follow the rules so that we can all benefit from this relaxation of the rules which is planned for 12th April.

Parks are open for those families who do not have access to outside space, they are not meant to be used for children to meet and play with their friends at this stage. There are now groups of older children meeting in and around our local area which is also against the rules.

I know that it is tempting to want your child to socialise but they should not be going to each other's homes for tea or sleep overs, regardless of whether they are in the same bubble at school.

I have outlined the rules for childcare bubbles on the right hand side as this is causing us some concern in school.

Mrs L Roberts

Face masks

Please respect our request regarding the wearing of face masks anywhere on our school site. This is to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading between families and to school staff. I would like to ask you to consider if you could wear one for the few short minutes it takes to drop your child off and pick them up even if you are exempt. We have staff in school who are exempt, yet they wear a face mask all day to protect their colleagues and your children. Visors are useless in containing aerosol transmission.

Only a member of your household or a member of your childcare bubble should bring your child to school and collect them. Please adhere to this legal requirement to keep yourselves and our staff safe.

Don't forget:

Childcare bubbles

Making a childcare bubble

You can make a childcare bubble to give or get help with childcare if either:

- you live with a child under 14
- a child under 14 lives in the household you want to join with

If you make a childcare bubble, you're not allowed to meet with each other for other reasons. For example, you can't make a childcare bubble to socialise with another household.

All the adults in both households must agree to making the childcare bubble.

Check what you're allowed to do in a bubble

You're allowed to meet people in your bubble in their home - you can also stay overnight.

Example

Valerie lives alone. She is in a support bubble with her adult son, Ivor, and his family. They can visit each other's homes, stay for meals and stay overnight. If Valerie goes out to exercise or shop for essentials, Ivor and his family are allowed to go with her.

If you want to change who you're in a bubble with

You should have a break for 10 days where you don't meet up with your old bubble. After 10 days, you can start meeting up with your new bubble.

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Testing for families of children in school

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Clothing

Children should return in school uniform as per my recent letter. Please do send them in with an extra jumper as it is going to feel very different to being at home for the last two months.

Attendance

It is expected that all children return to school on Monday 8th March except for those children who are classed as Critically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV). These children will have received a shielding letter at some point throughout the pandemic.

Children who live with a CEV person should return to school.

Remote learning will only be made available to CEV children or children who are self-isolating because they themselves are a positive case or someone in their household is symptomatic or has tested positive. We are not expected to provide remote learning for children whose parents simply choose not to send them back to school.

Please call our school office should you have any concerns about your child returning so that we can work with you on this,

Electronic devices for learning

A large number of laptops and tablets were given out to support home learning. We require ALL devices to be returned to school on Monday 8th March please. These will then be used in school.

Please bring the device and charger to school on Monday morning. Your child should take this into class with them.

Red Nose Day 2021

As you are probably aware, Red Nose Day is just around the corner. The world needs a life-changing laugh more than ever at the moment, so we would love our school to join in the fun. On **Friday 19th March** we are asking the children to wear a red top in support of Red Nose Day with a donation of 50p that will go to the charity.



Headteacher Zoom meeting with parents

Please join me at 11am on Monday 8th March on Zoom so that I can outline our curriculum plans for the summer term.

The link can be found [HERE](#)

World Down Syndrome Day

Hello everyone! I just wanted to take the time to let you know about something really exciting coming up. On Sunday 21st March it is World Down Syndrome Day. This is a day that we are really passionate about here at The Oaks.



get up
for down's

We will be doing a number of things to get involved and raise awareness about this day. Your child's class teacher will be in touch nearer the time to explain the activities.

On Monday 22nd March we will be inviting your child to come into school wearing odd socks. We will also be completing some form of exercise as part of the "Get up for Down" campaign.



If you would like to find out anymore information or how you can get involved, please use the following website:

<https://www.cheshiredownssyndrome.com/get-involved/fundraise>