



THE OVAL SCHOOL

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Minutes from virtual Parents Forum
13th October 2020

Mrs Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how important communication is to us as school, and that is why we are continuing to run Parent Forum, even though we need to do it online at the moment.

Mrs Williams introduced the members of staff joining the call and Rob Bowater, CEO of the DRB Ignite MAT.

Mrs Williams shared a PowerPoint Presentation and agenda. She explained that the main focus of the meeting was to explain the safety precautions and procedures in place in school and to explain the whole school priorities for this year.

1. Safety precautions and procedures

- A full risk assessment has taken place
- Children operate in a 'bubble' throughout the day
- Mrs Williams explained why we have not reopened the playground before and after school
- Our drop off and collection procedures allow parents and carers to keep moving along the road and not congregate on the pavement
- Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring the children come into school safely
- The children have fully adapted and are happy in school
- Children are receiving their full entitlement to education
- Playtimes are coordinated and the pupils are given a zone of the playground to use
- In classrooms, children have their own resources
- Additional resources are cleaned after each session or put into quarantine
- There is extra cleaning throughout the day at all touch points and in the toilets

Mrs Williams shared a photograph of one of the classroom and explained how rooms are set up

Mrs Williams explained the procedures we will follow if a bubble has to close

- Parents will be informed
- Pupils will be at home for 14 days
- Pupils will bring a pack of work home with them
- Education will continue, work will be provided by a member of staff via ClassDojo
- Teachers will send regular feedback
- School will continue to work with the Health and Safety Executive and DfE and ensure guidelines are followed

School dinners:

- Our kitchen staff have been incredible in providing meals to our children

- We have changed the contract for supplying food
- Sandwiches are going to stop, in favour of hot food for all children
- Children order their meals in advance
- We are cutting down on food waste

We hope that you consider communication in school to be strong, we use our weekly good news letters, ClassDojo and our website, but please let me know if you need anything more or have other ideas of ways in which we can communicate with you.

2. Whole school priorities

- Recovery curriculum

It is natural that children will have forgotten some concepts and that they will have missed teaching. We have given the children a simple test to inform our planning and to close gaps in education. Pupils and parents will receive targets during parent consultation meetings.

- Reading for Pleasure project
- Curriculum focus on Art, Computing (coding), RE (there will be a separate meeting)
- Before and after school club to be set up (more information to follow)

Questions asked:

Can we have the results from the assessments that were done at the start of term?

Yes, teachers will be able to tell you results during parent consultation appointments.

Is there any possibility of making the learning schedule accessible online?

You will find all the curriculum areas we cover on our website, the timetables are flexible throughout the week, but if you wish to know what is studied each day please message your child's teacher via ClassDojo.

Will the relationship education meeting with the parents be before the school starts teaching the children?

Yes, any new content will be shared with parents first.

When will parent consultation meeting occur for this semester?

They will be held the first week back from half term, 2nd November

Where online do you find the curriculum?

<https://www.theovalprimary.co.uk/Curriculum-Overview-08072020014538/>

Will consultation be online?

The teachers will be making telephone calls.

Why do they have a reading test please?

This helps us assess the pupil's standard in reading. We are able to ensure they receive the correct teaching and support for their ability. It also helps us check they are reading the correct books and have the right level of understanding about what they have read.

How do we sign into dojo? Do we need a new id?

If you previously used ClassDojo your log in should be the same. If you can't remember it, or haven't logged in before, you can either request a log in via school or search for our school on www.classdojo.com

Please could teachers just be a bit more communicative with class Dojo?

Thank you for your feedback. We will try to ensure all parents are communicated with in as much detail as possible. Last week we shared 352 messages via Dojo. If there is anything you would like to know specifically please do email the school office.

Will there be a Christmas play this year?

At the moment we haven't been able to make any plans for Christmas, the situation is changing far too rapidly, but rest assured we will be making sure we celebrate as many festivals as possible in school and share what we have done with our families. We are sure we will find a way of making Christmas special this year!

Will the camping on the back grass happen this year?

It is our intention to have the camping this year, but in the summer when it is much warmer and the children can be outside for the entire time. In the current climate we have to make sure all the safety precautions are in place, and we don't know what 2021 will hold yet, but we will do everything we can to try to make it happen.

Feedback from parents:

Absolutely brilliant!

We really appreciate the effort taken by the school. Fantastic job!!! Thank you so much! This meeting has made us much more confident than we were.

You're all doing a great job, thank you!

My girls are new to the school and I feel very welcomed and the children feel safe. Thank you!

Great idea and works well for all - thank you!



TOGETHER WE ARE ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Headteacher: Mrs D Williams BEd Hons NPQH

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs M Chadda BA Hons / Mrs C Mason BA Hons

Assistant Headteachers: Miss D Hollis BA Hons / Miss L O'Grady BA Hons / Mrs S Poulson BA Hons / Mrs L Roberts BA Hons