



THE OVAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the new children into The Oval family in reception and nursery this week. They have had a lovely time starting to make new friends.

New Staff

We have some new staff that have joined our school and they have loved their first week getting to know the children. They are:

- Mrs R Allmark (year 5 teaching assistant)
- Mr F Garcia (sports and out of hours learning co-ordinator)
- Mrs S Gulfraz (special needs support)
- Miss S Khatun (year 2 teaching assistant)
- Miss E Machin-Bradbury (reception teaching assistant)
- Miss C Minton (year 2 teaching assistant)
- Miss R Watts (reception teacher)

Start And End Of The Day

It is understandable that, when a new routine is put in place, people arrive early. However, again I would ask that you **DO NOT ARRIVE** before your allocated slot as follows:

Year Group	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Years 5, 4 and 3	8.40 – 8.50am	3.10 – 3.20pm
Years 6, 2 and 1	8.55 – 9.05am	3.25 – 3.35pm
Reception	9.00 – 9.10am	3.00 – 3.15pm
Nursery	9.15 – 9.25am	3.00 – 3.10pm

- if you have children in different time slots please arrive at the later time of the first slot to drop / collect and then move on to drop / collect your next child
- please do not stand talking to others after you have dropped but move immediately on so that the footpath is clear
- if there is a large gap for any reason between dropping / collecting children then please can you move across to the other side of the road – this gives you and others space
- please try to ensure that the footpath is clear for everyone to walk along
- school is aware that these are not ideal conditions but, with everyone's support, this can work
- school feels that it would be beneficial if parents wore face masks due to the number of people in a confined area

Covid

If your child has any of the following symptoms PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL:

- **a high temperature** (this means that your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back so you do not need to measure their temperature)
- **a new continuous cough**
- **a loss of sense of smell or taste**

You will need to self-isolate as a family (this means that ALL siblings should remain at home), arrange a test and also inform school.

From school's point of view, if we notice any children developing symptoms, we will call you immediately so please make sure all your contact details are up to date.

Catering

School has a new catering provider called Chartwells who are working hard to maintain the high standard of food that we have always served. All schools have struggled to get the food supplies that they would normally have but things have improved.

Children are now pre-ordering their dinners and have a choice of hot options or sandwiches for the next few weeks before another menu is introduced. These will be put onto school's website for you to see when finalised. The children are enjoying the fact that they can pre-order their choice and we are looking forward to developing the cooking and growing that takes place in school with Chartwells.

Chartwells will be sending a newsletter to all parents next week.

Fruit

The fruit for EYFS and KS1 (nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2) is now available and is being delivered to schools. Children will no longer need to bring fruit to school with them.

PE Kits / Uniform

Thank you to all parents for sending children in their PE kit on their class PE day this week. It has worked really well and children have enjoyed PE lessons.

I am aware that some parents have placed an order for school uniform on ParentPay. This will be delivered to the classrooms for your child to bring home with them.

Good News

Please join us in congratulating Mrs K Roberts and her family as they welcomed their little baby boy into the world earlier this year. All are doing well.

Tik Tok

You may be aware of a graphic video going around on Tik Tok. The company has been working hard to take this down but it keeps being reposted.

Children in school should not be accessing this site as it has an age restriction of 12+ but I felt it was important to mention it in case older siblings have access or share content.

You will find attached a Tik Tok safety tips poster for you to share.

Year Group Information

Next week school will be sharing information with you about what your child will be learning this year as well as routines and expectations.

We will do our best to keep you as updated as possible.

*Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the
promised sunshine*

Yours sincerely

D Williams

Mrs D Williams
Headteacher



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