



# THE OVAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

July 2020

We are now coming to the end of a very unusual and challenging year. School officially finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for all children. Please find enclosed your child's report for this academic year. Your child's report is a summary report based on the levels they were on in March before the lockdown commenced.

All of the staff are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming all children back on site full time in September. We hope that it will provide a sense of normality and routine whilst also allowing face-to-face learning and the opportunity to socialise with peers in their year group bubble.

The Trust has been following all the latest government guidance available to ensure that we can keep our school community safe. In response to this, we have started to make preparations to welcome all children back. There are a number of key points in the guidance that we would like to share with you so that you are fully informed of the preparations that school has taken for full opening in September.

Guidance	The Trust Response
Risk assessment to be completed by the school.	Risk assessment completed by the Trust and school.
Schools asked to keep pupils in a class or year 'bubbles' whenever possible. Keep apart from other groups where possible.	Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered. Children to mix (no requirement for social distancing) in their year group. Playground areas zoned so children can play in a specific area. Movement will be restricted around school.
Protective measures to be in place – emphasis on regular cleaning and hygiene.	Continued regular cleaning during the school day. Regular handwashing and hand sanitizing requirements in place for everyone.
Avoid large groupings – assemblies/concerts.	No large gatherings – all assemblies and concerts etc suspended. Children will eat in classrooms.
Seating plans – forward facing desks.	Desks / tables in Y1 – 6 will be front facing.
Teachers can operate across different year groups.	All staff and pupils to maintain regular handwashing and cleaning regimes.
Avoid congestion where possible.	Staggered movement across the school, start and end of the day, breaks and lunchtimes. <b>One</b> parent to drop off children at the appropriate gate so only one adult per family. Due to the tight arrival and leaving times, children must arrive and be collected promptly to avoid congestion and wider mixing. Please see the times below for drop off and collection points and times. Parents reminded to social distance whilst waiting with and collecting their child(ren).
Classroom based equipment can be shared but recommend that staff and children have own items.	Children are not allowed to bring bags to school. All children will be provided with their own pencil case with necessary equipment. Equipment used in classroom will be frequently cleaned.

The promotion of good hygiene routines remains the most effective way of limiting the spread of infection. Children will be encouraged to regularly wash / sanitize their hands and use tissues to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. If your child, or anyone in your family, displays any symptoms of Covid-19 you are asked immediately to isolate and undertake a test.

On the first day in September children will be taught by their new class teacher in their new classroom. You will find the name of their new class teacher enclosed with their report.

For the first half term, the curriculum will be broad and balanced but with an emphasis on English, phonics, reading, writing, maths and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. Children will read widely across other subjects. This will give teachers an opportunity to teach the children the curriculum they missed last year (due to school closure) and to seamlessly move them on to the curriculum they should now be working on. We will review our curriculum provision at half term.

Please note the temporary changes to the start and finish times for each year group and the collection and drop off points. These will be reviewed on a regular basis. Please remember only **one** adult per family. We ask that all children and parents do not arrive before their allotted time.

Entrance	Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Vehicle Entrance	Year 3	8.40am	3.10pm
Vehicle Entrance	Year 2	8.55am	3.25pm
Main Entrance	Year 4	8.40am	3.10pm
Main Entrance	Year 1	8.55am	3.25pm
Playground Gate	Year 5	8.40am	3.10pm
Playground Gate	Year 6	8.55am	3.25pm
Reception Gate	Reception	9.00am	3.15pm
Nursery Gate	Nursery	9.15am	3.00pm

Please note the following:

- No bags are allowed.
- Each child will need to bring a water bottle daily.
- There will be no toast in September. Children may bring a piece of fruit only for snack time.
- Children will be expected to wear full school uniform.
- Children will need to bring all necessary medication into school with them on their first day eg epipens, inhalers, piriton etc

**In the meantime, and as long as the guidance does not change over the summer, we are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children of Years 1 to 6 back to The Oval on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. However, can we ask that you check the school website on a regular basis for any possible changes to these arrangements ([www.theovalprimary.co.uk](http://www.theovalprimary.co.uk)) – thank you.**

Yours sincerely

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