



Oxenhope Church of England
Primary School

**Social Distancing Expectations for Staff,
Parents and Carers – During the COVID 19
Pandemic**



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We are a community where each person is valued by God. We nurture confidence, delight and discipline in seeking the skills needed to shape life well.

Life in all its fullness; John Chapter 10 v 10.

At Oxenhope CE Primary School, we believe in a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, which provides *each child* with a chance to flourish and achieve their potential by becoming successful, life-long learners who are able to enjoy life in all its fullness. Our Christian ethos, character and values pervade Oxenhope CE Primary ensuring the exceptional personal development and academic achievement of the whole child, as well as the overall 'well-being' of the school community. The school is wholehearted in its commitment, putting faith and spiritual development at the heart of the curriculum.

Christian beliefs and practices that underpin this policy

<p>Love / Compassion</p> 	<p>'Love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10 v 27 Just like Jesus was 'moved with compassion' we want to instil the children of Oxenhope with selfless kindness towards others. The ultimate aim is to do good to other people, whoever they may be.</p>
<p>Service / Community</p> 	<p>'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5 v14 At Oxenhope we actively seek opportunities to work together to help others. As even Jesus washed the disciple's feet we can learn from his example and seek to do good where we can, both locally and globally.</p>
<p>Wisdom</p> 	<p>'Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.' Proverbs 3 v 13 As the children at Oxenhope are faced with situations and dilemmas, we endeavour to teach and direct them to make wise choices which will develop their characters and shape their lives. Wisdom is rooted in a proper reverence for God, the source of all life and values.</p>
<p>Forgiveness</p> 	<p>'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.' Luke 11 v 4 These are the words we quote in our school prayer. As we appreciate how much we have been forgiven, we can forgive others.</p>
<p>Courage</p> 	<p>"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1 v 9 It is important that the children go from Oxenhope with a determined strength that they can bravely overcome whatever challenges they are faced with.</p>
<p>Endurance / Hope</p> 	<p>'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.' Romans 12 v 12 Jesus' followers are challenged to think of life like a race. However - NOT a short sprint but a marathon! The bible says that we are made stronger for the future every time we endure and refuse to give up. We teach our children to persevere and not give up hope.</p>
<p>Truth</p> 	<p>'Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ' Ephesians 4 v 15 We teach the children to be full of integrity and honesty, knowing the difference between right and wrong. If they have strong moral principles, they will be the much needed light in this world. As Jesus said 'the truth will set you free.'</p>

Social distancing and school limitations

Our overarching approach is to focus on our core functions: learning and teaching during the day; childcare and before school care. We are cancelling all other non-essential activities. This means:

- We will access the village football field at break and lunchtimes to increase the amount of space available to pupils.
- We will access the school nature area and the council macca and tennis court at break and lunch to increase the amount of space available to pupils
- All assemblies for pupils are cancelled to cut the amount of time that pupils gather in large groups.
- All performances are cancelled for classes and year groups to cut the gathering of pupils and parents in school.
- All sports and music events involving pupils from other schools, performance to parents or competitions are cancelled.
- All off-site visits are cancelled and if possible rescheduled to cut the amount of contact that pupils have with others outside of school.
- All 'Friends' events are cancelled until the end of the school year to cut the gathering of friends and family.
- All end of year church services and celebration assemblies are currently cancelled
- Transition events for new to reception and year 6 leavers are currently cancelled however they are constantly being monitored and reviewed and these will be the first events put back in the calendar if we are allowed to do so before the summer

We will be reviewing this after each government announcement and as each new set of guidance is released.

Respect for social distancing advice when dropping off / collecting:

Due to the current government guidance, which requires everybody to practise social distancing, only one parent is permitted to enter our school grounds at a time. We will bring children out to you at the end of the day if you are collecting at your child's allotted time. We do not feel the need for parents to come into the premises. Parents and carers must follow the 2m guidance when waiting to collect/drop-of children.

Government guidance states that there should ideally be a 2m minimal distance between people in public spaces, queues, etc. and we require parents to follow this guidance whilst on school site. This is for the health and safety of pupils, staff and parents on site and is part of the national efforts to reduce contact between individuals.

We are asking parents and or carers not to enter the clearly marked boxes at entrances and exits.

Respect for social distancing advice when attending school for a pre-arranged meeting

These will be very few and far between as meeting spaces which are large enough to adhere to social distancing guidance are few and far between. Meetings will be held remotely where possible and will only be for Safeguarding reasons where a social worker has called the meeting ie – CIN/CP meetings, PEPs or LAC review meetings. All other meetings will be postponed.

If parents and/or carers are attending a pre-arranged meeting current government guidance requires everybody to practise social distancing, only one parent is permitted to enter our main entrance area at a time. Other parents are asked to wait outside the external door until the parent inside has completed their sign in / out process.

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Social distancing in school for older children:

Children will be encouraged and expected to practise social distancing, particularly when working inside.

Parents must support the school by explaining the concept of social distancing to their child in advance of them attending our provision. We will have a relaxed as possible environment and all your children will be nurtured as always.

Children will queue lining up with 2m spacing between them.

Social distancing in school for younger children:

Younger children naturally will find social distancing challenging, however, school will remind children gently at the start of each day using a song, rhyme or video clip. The areas of provision will be marked with how many children can access that area and the children will be taught what this means.

Teachers and staff will gently remind the children if they are getting too close to each other or staff. Teachers and staff must spend time teaching children to queue lining up with 2m spacing between them.

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The amount of people allowed in certain places around school

Main Entrance	1 adult 1 child (pre-arranged appointment only)	Unless used as an exit/entrance during drop off
Main school office	2 adults	
Head teacher's office	2 adults	
The Nest	1 adult 1 child	This would only be used when a child has suspected COVID19
Children's toilets	1 child	
Outside the staff toilets	Used for passing through only	
Upstairs office	1 adult	
Staffroom	4 adults	
Main Hall	15 children 4 adults	
Library/locker area	Used for passing through only	
Corridors	Used for passing through only	
Classroom/keyworker bubbles	Up to a maximum of 15 children and 4 adults depending on room size	
KS1 cupboard	1 adult	
KS1/Reception toilets	1 child	
Year 3/4 cloakroom	Used for passing through only	Unless used as an exit/entrance during drop off
Year 1/2 cloakroom	Used for passing through only	Unless used as an exit/entrance during drop off
Reception cloakroom	Used for passing through only	Unless used as an exit/entrance during drop off