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Dear families,

I am writing to say a big welcome back into school life and it has been lovely to see you all returning back to school during this complicated time.

We have had some lovely things happening around school over the last week and the children have been enjoying being back with their friends and teachers.

We have had lots of new children join our Oxenhope family this year which is exciting. If your child has a new child within their class, please encourage them to help them and support them.

Below I have detailed some further information which will be relevant for you. Please read through and if you have any further questions please contact the school office, Mrs Dyson or your child's class teacher via email or the phone – 01535 642271 office@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones

School closures

Some of you may be aware of certain schools in the locality having to close due to Covid cases or staffing issues. If we receive information about a positive Covid case in school (staff or child) I have to contact Public Health England (PHE) who will make the decision about whether to close the class/bubble or school. This is a decision which is not taken lightly and will be an absolute last resort. I would be talking to PHE about our risk assessment, distancing and how much contact the affected person had had with other children/adults. We have lots of contingency plans in place and all our risk assessments have been cross-checked with our Trust's health and safety director, Helen Williams. I have received an inspection phone call from the government Health and Safety Executive (HSE) with whom I have discussed all our protective measures and they agreed that these were good.

As with all these types of things school/ bubble/class/school closure is a very real aspect of school life at the moment and although we don't want this to happen, I don't want you to be unprepared. I would advise that all parents have a plan for child care in place should school need to close and to speak to your employers before this happens to ensure that your family is less affected. You may be called to collect your child during the school day and be expected to isolate for up-to two weeks.

Online home learning

As part of our educational duty of care we would be offering either online learning or hard copies of worksheets etc. for the children to access at home should school be closed. We are working alongside

our Academy Trust to ensure that what your child receives is good quality. We will let you all know what this will look like if your child's class/bubble needs to close.

Coughs colds and sneezes

Of course to make matters trickier we are heading into full blown coughs and cold season at school and many children are coming to school with normal colds.

Lloyds pharmacy have published a helpful guide which distinguishes between cold, flu and coronavirus. This can be found at <https://lloydspharmacy.com/blogs/coronavirus/difference-between-coronavirus-flu-cold-and-pneumonia>

We have also created a flow chart for you to use if you are undecided whether to send your child to school or not, this can be found on our school website <https://www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk/>

Please don't be offended if we ask you to take your child for a test. As you can see from the above information the decision as to whether the school closes are decided by the presence of a positive test and we would rather be safe than sorry.

Two ways to protect you and your family against corona virus are eating healthy and taking exercise.

Celebration assemblies

Tomorrow will be the first virtual celebration assembly in school. You can log onto the website to see if your child received a certificate and what this was for.

Book bags

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that children should not be bringing bags from home. We are providing them with a wipe clean book bag which will help them carry reading books and homework etc. back and forth from home. We recommend washing hands before and after reading and doing homework using the books we provide. We also recommend wiping the bag when it comes home and before it's brought back to school.

School app

If you are experiencing receiving messages/texts/email from school via the school app, in the first instance, please uninstall and reinstall the app. If you have still experiencing problems, please contact the school office. All communications from school are also available to view on the website under 'parents' 'letters' or 'newsletters'.

Parentpay

If your child does not currently have a Parentpay account we will be issuing login details as soon as possible.



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