



# Oxenhope Church of England Primary

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Dear parents and carers,

It is lovely to welcome all our families back after the Easter break and although there is a little nip in the air this is our summer term in school.

Hopefully during this term, we will start returning to a more normal way of life but I still ask you to be wary and responsible and adhere to the government guidance for our area.

This half term proves to be just as busy and exciting as the others with lots of exciting things planned for our teachers. We are in the process of developing our curriculum further and ensuring that pupil voice is clear throughout. We want our children to be inspired and passionate learners.

Of course, what never goes away is the need for support with mental health and nurture. We are working tirelessly to ensure that the children feel listened to and are helped throughout this time. Four of our staff are now Mental Health First Aiders, Mrs Dyson, Miss Smales, Mrs Brown and myself and we are working together to ensure that our nurture provision is second to none for children and families.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you need support or a chat. Below are some notices and reminders for the coming half term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones

Headteacher



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## Parking

Unfortunately, we have had some complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. I appreciate with the resurfacing of Station Road, parking has become an issue however complaints have come in before this work started.

Please do not block the road or block driveways.

I am in the process of talking to West Yorkshire Police about this issue, investigating a walking bus scheme, looking into a lolly-pop patrol officer to help children and families cross the road safely and asking the railway station if we could use their car park for drop off and pick up times.

However please think about others and our community when parking.

## Kindness

Thank you to all of you who supported our book fair and our Easter Hamper raffle. This support is invaluable and you always go the extra mile.

I would like to particularly support Mike Hopkinson and the Wear family for their generosity.

We are excited to make new purchase for all our children across school which will impact on their experiences.

## Clubs

I am currently looking into the practicalities of re-starting some extra-curricular activities such as running and football. Please look out for further information regarding these very soon.

## 2021 September Reception intake

Families will find out this Friday if they are joining our Oxenhope family in September. We are very excited to meet all our new children and we will be starting transition work next week through phone calls from Mrs Jones.

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## Other places in and across school

We do have places dotted around school in other year groups for other children to join, so if you know a family who might need a change of school or who are moving house in to or near the village, please let them know and ask them to get in contact with our school office. We are very flexible and work towards each child's/family's needs regarding transition.

## New Staff

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome some new staff members to our school.

Miss Lovett will be covering Miss Hargreaves maternity leave in year 3. Miss Lovett has worked with us throughout the pandemic and has worked on supply with us.

Mrs Duckworth is joining us in a teaching assistant role and will be supporting the children across years 2 and 3.

Miss Wilkinson is also joining us as a teaching assistant and she will be working in year 4 in the first instance.

We are very excited to have them on our team and we know they will be a great asset to the school.

## Uniform

Please can I remind you that we are remaining to be firm with regards uniform choices. If you are struggling or there is an issue with your child's uniform please just talk to us we can make an adjustment in some cases. Please remember that our school colours are black, grey, red and white. We ask for plain red sweatshirts and black shoes. PE uniform is plain grey or black joggers/leggings, shorts or skorts, a plain white t-shirt and a plain black hoodie. We don't say that our uniform has to be logoed that is each family's choice. Can I please reiterate that over embellished hair accessories are not permitted. These cause distraction throughout the day. We may take these off your child if they are fussing with them. Plain headbands, clips and bobbles in school colours are enough.

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## Drop offs and pick ups

Can I say thank you to all parents and carers for the sensible and responsible ways you are picking up and dropping off your children. Can I just remind you of a few aspects:

- Please use the one-way system in place
- Ensure you wear your mask
- Please do not linger in the playground after you have dropped off or collected your child
- Please use the park responsibly after school as it is becoming very busy

## Support

If you feel that you or your child may need support please contact the school. We have lots of resources and links we can use to help you. This can be emotional support, support with mental health, concerns about academic progress for your child, concerns about child welfare, financial support, changes in circumstances or anything else you need. **We are here to listen and help please use us.**

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