

## **25.6.21**

Dear parents and carers,

Well it has been quite a week at Oxenhope this week due to isolations. Thank you to all parents and carers for being flexible. We appreciate just how exhausting this whole process is but we truly appreciate your kind words and support.

### **Key dates, Covid and the weather**

I sent out a Key dates list on Monday to all parents which outlined the main events which are happening up until the summer. Please bear in mind that these are subject to change at short notice if needed. Please be reassured that we never take cancellation lightly and we will always try to rearrange if possible.

### **Sports days**

You will have received a letter about the date and time of your child's sports day. Unfortunately as stated in the letter we can only allow one spectator per child. This is direction from the BDAT Trust to ensure that we remain in line with Government Guidelines around gatherings.

Hopefully as we move into the new school year we should be back to normality and I will be putting in an early school year sports day in September where we can invite more parents.

### **Naming of clothing and lost property**

Please can you ensure that you are putting your children's names into their uniform, coats and other possessions. This is really important so that we can get these items back to them.

### **Celebrations**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate some of our staff members on their achievements over the last few weeks.

First of all Mrs Brown has received a promotion to Assistant Headteacher at Oxenhope. This means that she will work with me and help with the strategic running of the school. We are thrilled to have Jo as part of our Senior Leadership Team as she is an experienced and talented teacher who can add so much to the development of our school and help us on our journey to Outstanding.

Mrs Fitzgerald has also achieved some extra responsibility. She will be working one day a week for the BDAT trust leading on Early Reading and Phonics. This is a great asset for Oxenhope and means that we are at the forefront for new developments and strategy in these subjects. It also means that what we are already doing in these areas is being recognised as good.

We will talk to parents about staffing in year one and year two once we have more information, but I know both Mrs Brown and Mrs Fitzgerald are dedicated to providing the best teaching to their Oxenhope class as their first priority.

## **Online Learning**

If your child is isolating due to being in contact with a positive case or if you are awaiting the results of a test, their online learning will be available to them from their first isolation day. Please see the flow chart below:

- You make contact with school to say that your child needs to isolate OR we make contact with you to say your child needs to isolate
- Your child's class teacher will get in touch either via class dojo, seesaw, email, phone call or text to explain what your child needs to do
- You will then need to upload or send the completed work via the return method agreed with your teacher

We are currently investigating google classroom as a portal for teaching and from September this will be used when and if, whole classes need to isolate (if isolation is still a requirement in September)

## **Free school meals and year 2**

The children moving from year 2 to year 3 will need to pay for school meals from September if you think you might qualify for income based free school meals or you would like to check, please follow the link below to see if you do indeed qualify.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

It is worth checking even if your child is not in year 2. If your child is in any other year group please check your eligibility.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones