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Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe it is July! It has been another busy week this week at school. Thank you to everyone for pulling together I truly appreciate all your support. Our staff have been amazing and have shown just how resilient they are.

Isolations

We are currently three bubbles down at Oxenhope. After going through the rest of the 18 months without cases, Covid has well and truly hit us. My thoughts go out to the families who have tested positive I hope you are coping and are relatively well. Thank you to all parents who understand that our processes and procedures are in place to keep others safe and as soon as we know any information we will let you know about when children can return to school. Many of you will have already received letters and information. Please keep checking your emails, class dojo (y3-6) and seesaw (R – 2) for updates and correspondence from school.

I was reassured by Public Health England, BDAT and Bradford Council today that not only are our numbers currently much lower than other Bradford schools, we are following best practice and our risk assessment is being adhered to. We are doing everything we can do under the current procedures.

Masks and one way systems

We are once again asking parents to wear masks at drop off and pick up and adhere to the one way system.

Home learning

If your child is isolating it is very important that you complete online home learning and return it to your child's class teacher. You will find information about home learning on class dojo (y3-6) and seesaw (R – 2). If you are struggling or cannot access the learning contact the school office as soon as possible.

Year 5 will begin trailing google classroom live lessons on Monday – please look out for a letter on Dojo explaining how to access.

Sports Days

Sports days have given us a little glimpse of normality in this crazy time and I am happy to say these can continue with parents' spectators. Obviously, masks must be worn, social distancing must happen and there can only be one spectator per child. If your child's sports day has been cancelled due to isolation we will try to put this in before we finish.

We hope to have another sports day type day in September too.

Reports

Reports will be sent out via email in the last week of term. Within this report you will get the normal information from your child's class teacher, some targets for reading, writing and maths, a parent's guide to assessment at Oxenhope, your children's assessment levels and their attendance.

If you require a copy of your child's report due to an acrimonious family arrangement then please contact the school office, otherwise we expect parents to share their children's reports with each other and one copy will be sent to the main parent/carer contact we hold for your child.

Transition Week

Due to bubble closures we have opted for a virtual transition week. Traditionally the children would have spent some of the week in their new classroom with their new teacher. However due to potential bubble breaches, isolation and low staff numbers we will have to run it slightly differently. Your child will stay in their current classroom with their current teacher but their new teachers will have prepared 4 videos which will be played, one per day, for the children to watch. The children will then take part in activities set by the new teacher. Some of these activities will be 'getting to know you' games and challenges, some will be about a tour of the classroom, cloakroom entrances, exits etc and others will be questions and answer sessions.

If your child is isolating during the transition week (wk. 12th July) then the videos can be viewed on the website during this week for your child to watch at home.

If your child has been identified as a child who will need extra transition this will be arranged with the new class teacher and Mrs Dyson. These activities will take face to face outside. You will be contacted if this applies to your child.

Assessment Week

Next week is assessment week in school. During this week the children will take part in a range of age appropriate assessments over the week. These range from group tasks, observations and traditional testing.

Please bear in mind that these results are used as a guide for our teacher assessment they are not the only thing we use to assess your child.

Years R,2 and 5 will complete assessments on their return to school.

Stay safe

Once again can I reiterate that we are doing lots to keep your children safe at school and it would be great if these continued to be replicated at home:

- Please encourage your children to wash their hands
- Use hand sanitizer if you can

- Wear masks in shops etc
- Limit your children's after school activities (really think about going to the park)
- If you are offered a Covid vaccination please go for it
- Socially distance

If we do these small things they will make a difference

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones

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