



Osmotherley Primary School

3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed the holidays and that the children are looking forward to returning to school next week. The teachers have been in school this week preparing for the start of the new term. We are all looking forward to seeing the children and welcoming you to the start of, hopefully, a more settled academic year.

Following Step 4 of the easing of the Government's Covid 19 restrictions on the 19th July, I would like to reassure parents and carers that keeping everyone safe remains our main priority and we will be adhering to the measures in our latest risk assessment, which can be found on the school website (<http://osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk>). We will continue to encourage regular hand-washing and sanitising of frequently touched surfaces and school staff will continue to do lateral flow tests twice a week. We will also be vigilant and inform parents if a child displays Covid 19 symptoms at school. If your child displays symptoms at home, please keep them at home and arrange for a PCR test.

I would like to remind parents that, as we no longer have 'bubbles', we will be not have staggered arrival times in the mornings this year. From Tuesday, the front door will be open from 8.45am until 8.55am. If all children are in school by 8.55am for registration, learning can begin promptly at 9am. Children arriving after 8.55am will need to ring the doorbell and, as Mrs Mansfield is on her own in the office at that time, there may be a delay in answering the door if she is answering a telephone call.

At the end of the school day, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will finish at 3.15pm and the children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will finish at 3.30pm. Parents or carers with siblings in both classes can pick them up together at 3.30pm. For details of after school clubs and the morning mile, please see the last newsletter of the summer term which is available on the website.

Children will be wearing school uniform every day but they can continue to come to school in their school t-shirt and sweatshirt with shorts/joggers and trainers on the days when they have PE. During the restrictions last year, the teachers saw how much lost learning time was saved when the children didn't have to change before and after their PE lesson so we are keen to continue this system. This term, in the Acorns class, PE is on Mondays (every week) and Wednesdays (every two weeks, alternating with Forest School – letter to follow). In the Oaks class PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

If you have any questions, the staff will be in school for a professional development day on Monday so please email or phone the office and we will be happy to help.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all very soon,

Miss Bamber