



OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been really fantastic to see all the new year 4, 5, and 6 children today and I hope they have found the start of reintegration back to school an enjoyable one. I know many teachers have sent short clips via Dojo of their classes

They have all been amazing as they have adapted to the new arrangements.

I understand the frustration at some gates this morning for which I apologise, but this was simply because children and parents weren't sure about which gate they should be entering by. Tomorrow the children can come straight in through the same gate and on to the same playground. The gate they used today and will use tomorrow will be the one they use every day. (This is why we wanted them to enter the designated gate this morning from day 1)

Just to clarify some other confused messages:

1. Bubbles & Gates to use.

Children will use the gates they used today for the rest of this term and beyond. It will be very important that all children do use the correct gate and wait before school on the correct playground.

Collection will be from these gates too. You are welcome to wait on the playground but in the signed waiting areas for parents. These signs show the classes from the new academic year and not those from last year.

Remember the staggered timing for arrival and departure starts on Wednesday

2. PE lessons at Ocklynge

PE lessons will commence the week beginning 14th September.

Each week your child will have two outside PE lessons. One will be games taught by Premier sport coaches and the other by the class teacher.

On these two days we would like the children to come into school wearing their Ocklynge PE uniform which they will wear all day. You will be informed by class dojo which days these are. The Ocklynge PE uniform is a plain white T-shirt with the school logo on (purchasable from Sussex Uniforms) and red shorts. It is advisable to wear trainers rather than black plimsolls as all lessons will be outside. In the winter months, from Term 2 onwards, the winter PE kit will also include a red or black sweatshirt and plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms. Both these items are available from Sussex Uniforms (online).

In addition to these two lessons the Daily Mile will continue. It will not be necessary to change for this but your child can bring trainers. All lessons will be taught using guidance from the DfE and relevant sports governing bodies. All sport will essentially be non-contact.

If you have any further questions regarding PE at Ocklynge please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

3. Bags!

Children can bring in a bag to carry their water bottle etc. These will be left in the cloakrooms with coats (when they start to wear them). I realise that we initially said no bags but this isn't practical and they will be stored in cloakrooms.

4. EduLink.

There have been several issues with the emailing via EduLink recently. I would urge you to download the App to your phone as emails and messaging is working well through that route. All messages will be sent out on social media as well as by email.

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5. Bikes and scooters

If your child wants to cycle or scoot to school they can but they must enter through the pedestrian gate on the main driveway and leave their bike or scooter in the bike storage near the swimming. Once they have left their bike or scooter children in the Red, Orange and blue Hub should continue around the front of the building (field side) to their designated door. Those children in Green, Purple and Yellow bubble should re trace their steps back to their playground space and entry door.

6. Parental access to the office

We are requesting that parents do not come into the grounds to go to the office to deliver letters etc. but instead use the posting box at the end of the Driveway. Thank you

7. Parentpay

We are now a cashless school so all payments will be required via Parentpay. If you are unsure about how to access Parentpay, then please call the office for advice.

8. Dinner menu

This week is week 2 on the dinner menus. The latest dinner menu is attached with this email.

9. Swimming.

There will be no swimming in term 1. We will be developing plans to restart swimming as soon as the Department for Education guidance allows it.

I would like to thank you for your understanding at this very challenging time. As I mentioned last term there will be teething problems with the day to day operational plans and many of these have been addressed today. Thank you for your patience.

Regards

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