



OCKLYNGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 6th September.

I hope you all had a very restful and relaxing summer break and that the children are ready to resume their learning enthusiastically.

This letter will detail the arrangements, some of which have changed since last term. Having said that several aspects of our Covid19 provision will stay the same. This letter details the arrangements that will start on Monday. We are maintaining many arrangements as the current rates of infections in Eastbourne are still high.



Arrival and departure & Gates to use.

The bubble structure will not continue from Monday. However, we do want the children in each year group to enter and leave through their own gate. These are as follows:

- ✓ Year 3 (staggered start dates as previously notified) to enter through the year 3 gate which is on Farlaine road just off the turning circle near the bus stop.
- ✓ Year 4 through the gate on the corner of Farlaine road and Victoria drive.
- ✓ Year 5 through the MUGA gate just off Baldwin Avenue
- ✓ Year 6 through the gate on Victoria drive near the pelican crossing

All these gates are clearly signed. Just as last year, I appreciate that if you have several children in different year groups the dropping off and collecting can take time but we still need to try to keep year groups separate at these busy times.

It will be very important that all children do use the correct gate and wait before school on the correct playground.

The gates will open at 8.30am and drift in will start at 8.40am with learning starting at 8.50am. A senior leader will be on duty at each gate from 8.30am.

Collection time will be 3.20pm for all children and this will be from the same playground as drop off in the morning. You are welcome to wait on the playground but we would still like all parents to wear a face covering whilst inside the school grounds. Thank you.



PE lessons at Ocklynge

PE lessons will commence from Monday but we appreciate that you or children will not know the days of their PE or Games lessons until they arrive. Year 4 will have games on Monday 6th 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 continue 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 our uniform providers Sussex Uniforms (online) 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



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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 on our shortly to be installed daily mile track!



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). We are providing equipment packs for the children so we do not want children to bring in their own pencil cases just yet.

I will be writing to you again next week with further details of both arrangements, changes and staffing. I would like to thank you for your continued understanding at this very challenging time and for your support.

Regards

Jon Reynard

Headteacher