

Academy Updates



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
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Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support in following all the changes that have been put in place and keeping us informed when pupils have needed to be absent for any reason.

You'll remember that we said we would review our plans and we are ready to move to the next steps over the next few weeks and this letter is to update you regarding these changes.

Uniform update

We will be reinstating uniform after half term from Monday 2nd November for all our pupils. We ask that pupils wear their PE kits to school on the days that pupils have PE (tutors will inform pupils of which days). The guidance is clear that pupils should not be changing within schools. For a reminder of our uniform expectations please look in your child's journal or visit our website. Anyone can buy academy uniform from our online shop, you don't need to be the ParentPay account holder to do this - If you need to buy uniform please follow this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1074> , new uniform will be handed to your child within school time. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents will not be able to purchase or collect new uniform from the academy office, or pay by cash or cheque at the academy. At the moment uniform is only available to purchase through the Online Shop. We have plenty of new uniform in stock and so there should not be any difficulties with supply.

Clubs update

We are reviewing which clubs will be able to start after school, please keep an eye out in our newsletters for any developments.

Curriculum update

We couldn't be prouder of all here at the academy; the start of term has been so successful and all staff and pupils have shown great ambition and pride in adapting to the changes we have made. Keeping everyone safe and healthy is at the forefront of all the adjustments we are making alongside developing our pupils learning. Starting on 28th September we will be able to increase our offering of specialist teaching to all year groups. This is going to be great for us all; pupils and staff. Pupils will be able to experience some powerful learning opportunities, develop their knowledge and skills and be part of subject specific feedback so they can improve further. It will have a fantastic impact on pupil achievement and how they engage in their learning, our core concepts, and all we have to offer. They can use what they have learnt in the last 3 weeks to support them as they begin to follow, as closely as possible, their normal timetable.

Hands, Face, Space is the new slogan from the government and it is one we all need to follow here to make this a success. We must continue to socially distance from staff and each other; **staff will move, pupils will remain in their current tutor base**, which means that pupils will need to continue to follow the rules of social distancing at all times. Our current year bubble structure will remain the same for all year groups, and there will be more movement of staff to facilitate specialist teaching.

The staff are very excited about this next move in our curriculum offer; getting to deliver their subject and develop pupil's passion, enthusiasm and intrigue is why we are in this profession. The start of this year has been strange and



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different for us all and it will take time to get back to some semblance of normality but please be assured that our next steps are all evidence and research-led to ensure that it works for those at Oakfield.

During the lesson changeover it is really important that pupils demonstrate amazing etiquette and not only wait calmly and quietly for their teacher to arrive but complete the task set by the teacher as it will support what they have just learnt or what they are about to learn.

We are confident that this will be a positive step for all.

Parents Evening Plans

Parent's evenings will be held virtually until further notice and there will be more details to follow about how to book an appointment and what dates they will be held on.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Wilkes', written in a cursive style.

Miss Emma Wilkes
Headteacher