

Guidance Update



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for all your support, including regular communication regarding any necessary absences.

Attendance is still very high and our pupils look amazing in their uniforms. We published PE days on the website and Facebook page and we will be updating the ParentApp timetables soon too. Please can I remind you that if a member of your household is symptomatic or being tested, then pupils **MUST NOT** be sent to school, the whole household should isolate until you receive the test results.

As you know, guidance to schools was updated on Wednesday and we have reviewed our processes thoroughly as a result. You will have heard via the media that the main change for us concerns when to wear face coverings. As we are a middle school with **secondary** status, and because our year 5 and 6 pupils do need to transition through an indoor space to get from their classrooms to outdoors, the guidance will apply to ALL pupils at Oakfield Academy.

From Monday 9th November:

Face Covering:

All staff and pupils will be required to carry face coverings to wear when moving around the academy. They do not need to be worn in classrooms or outside (unless they wish to).

Please provide your child with a face covering from Monday and go through how to safely wear, remove and store them. Naming them may also be useful or naming a plastic bag/container they can store it in between wearing.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Tv2BVN_WTk

Apologies for any inconvenience, however, we will continue to follow the guidance set out for us as is reasonably possible, in order to protect our community. If your child is exempt from wearing them please don't worry and whilst I know that we all will do everything we can to remember them and wear them properly, pupils should not be anxious if they lose or forget them.

Transport:

All Oakfield pupils travelling on school transport should now be wearing their face covering throughout their journeys and be seated by year group.

Staffing:

Pupils may also notice some changes to staffing and timetables, made necessary by the current national status.

After School Clubs:

We had plans to begin some after school clubs but unfortunately this will have to be postponed on recommendation of the new guidelines.

Play Leaders:

We are excited to announce that from Monday 9th November our Play Leaders will be running a different timetable of activities during lunchtimes. Years 6, 7 & 8 pupils will need to bring in football boots and spare socks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday if they need to take part in football on the field.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Activity	Football	Football	Football	Multi-Sports	Multi-Sports
Location Year 5	Sports Court	Sports Court	Sports Court	Playground	Playground
Location Years 6, 7 & 8	Field	Field	Field		
Teacher	Mr Wash	Mr Wash	Mr Wash	Mr Brixey	Mr Wash

Remembrance:

As is our tradition at Oakfield, we will hold our Act of Remembrance on Wednesday. Sadly, we have not had poppies to sell but I know the Poppy appeal would appreciate any donation people are able to make at supermarkets and online.

Wishing you all the very best over the coming weeks.

Take care and keep in touch, we're here if you need us.

Yours Sincerely,



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