

20th April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome to the Summer term!

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you or your child feel a bit wobbly at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the academy, please let us know by calling the academy office or emailing using the details at the bottom of the page. We are trialling plans to extend how Heads of Year and Department can be directly contacted and will be in touch with more detail soon.

We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with our offer for day provision for the children of critical workers that cannot stay safely at home. They've been keeping a diary of their activities every day so we'll have a beautiful record of this period of time. We will continue to send out our weekly newsletter every Thursday, starting again this week.

But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term. This week will see the launch of the BBC and Oak National home learning support materials for all age ranges. We have put together a comprehensive daily outline of how these resources link to the Oakfield Little Lessons. All these links will supplement the little lessons provided by Oakfield and will be updated weekly alongside material, resources and tasks provided by your child's subject teacher. This link takes you to the Little Lessons section of the website:

http://oakfieldacademy.co.uk/pupils/little-lessons

where you will find an outline for each day with links to both the BBC and Oak National programmes like this one for today:



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We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home – please keep sending their work in to the email address below so we can celebrate and reward as we would normally. We have 4 levels of reward that you are free to award to your child as you see fit. Examples would be:

Reward or Celebration	Examples	How to Award
Smilies ☺ (up to 5 at a time)	Quick to start a task	Recorded in their journals
	Interesting questions	
	Good etiquette	
Merits (5 smilies = 1 merit)	Acquired a new skill	Recorded in their journals
	Considerable effort shown	
	Supporting a family member	
Shout Outs	Presenting learning to family	Please email Mrs . Cross via the
	members	academy email, these will be
	Further improving or developing	celebrated in the weekly
	a piece of work	newsletter and merits awarded
	Independent research around a	
	topic beyond expected task	
Infinity Award	Pupils, parents, staff and	Please email Mrs . Cross via the
	community members can	academy email with who is
	nominate and be nominated for	being nominated which concepts
	these for demonstrating any or	they showed and how. These
	all of our core concepts:	will be celebrated in the weekly
	Ambition, Oracy, Etiquette,	newsletter, merits awarded,
	Integrity, Morals and Pride	certificates sent home and
		possible winner of badge or
		even citizenship award.

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Have an amazing summer term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Emma Wilkes

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