



OAKFIELD ACADEMY
BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

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Army personnel help us prepare our screening base

We were delighted to welcome members of the armed forces from Larkhill who visited us to advise staff to carry out the screening test process for schools. Initially we will only be testing staff and this will happen every week. This exercise is an important extra step in identifying potential asymptomatic cases. More information regarding how to consent to pupils in Years 7 and 8 being screened will be sent out soon.



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If you would like further information on any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the school office.
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Takeaway Food at Five

Starting 4th January 5pm weekly

Mondays - Mount Community Hut
Wednesdays - Frome Cricket Club
Thursdays - Trinity Church Hall

**Hot, healthy, freshly cooked meals
free to anyone on benefits or low
income, just turn up**

Strict social distancing and hygiene practices will be in place and we kindly ask you help us with this to keep everyone safe

Vegetarian option available

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**ATTENTION—FREE STATIONERY
AVAILABLE FOR PUPILS THAT ARE
LEARNING FROM HOME**

Starting with our Year 5 pupils, each Year Group will be contacted via Parentpay with a short survey to see if they would like to collect some basic stationery items from the Academy. You will be advised via this communication when items will be ready for collection.

Thank you for your support.

**Here is a useful link to ‘Mentally
Healthy School’ provided by
Somerset Safeguarding Children
Partnership**

**[https://
www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/
coronavirus-resources-for-
mental-health-and-](https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/coronavirus-resources-for-mental-health-and-)**



Can we please remind you that ALL pupils are expected to wear a mask when moving around the

academy. Please ensure that your child arrives with a mask that they can use each day, together with a plastic bag to store it in. It would probably be a good idea to keep a spare mask in their bag too. Masks can be removed when pupils are at their desk. Many thanks for your support.



Great News Console Fans!!

You can access Google Classroom on an Xbox and PlayStation which is great news for pupils and their learning. Here is a short guide on how to achieve this;

1. Classroom can be opened on Xbox and PlayStation. There isn't an app that the students can add to their consoles.
2. GO to the built in browser for the console; On Xbox, it is Microsoft Edge. On PlayStation, it is the "www" browser
3. You can search for these browsers on the home screen
4. Type in classroom.google.com in the URL bar.
5. A prompt for a Google account will appear.
6. Type in your google account email and password – it's the one that ends oakfieldacademy.org
7. The Classroom home screen will open up.

If students have a keyboard they can plug in, they will have a much easier time of navigation. Otherwise, they will have to use their controllers to click on the classroom tiles, open up assignments and type.



Remote Learning: How to be Successful

Ambition: Follow your timetable for that day and complete the learning tasks you have been set

Oracy/Vocabulary: You may not be in the classroom but think hard, challenge yourself to use the correct language and terms in your work

Etiquette: Use all the resources available to you properly, and complete the learning tasks you have been set

Integrity: Do the right thing for your own development, which is working and thinking hard even though you are learning in a different setting

Morals&Ethics: Show a positive mindset, morals are about right and wrong. The right thing here is to continue to challenge yourself to help you in the future.

Pride: Ultimately take pride in yourself and your learning

Check your Google Classroom Regularly

Read the instructions carefully from your teacher

Turn your work in if asked for feedback

Get those smilies and merits in your journal when they are awarded



Our Remote Learning Plan

Our remote learning plan has been created with our pupils and their families in mind. We believe that this strategy will work best for the pupils at Oakfield.

Pupils will be set work as per the lessons on their timetable and should follow this timetable. It will be in their journal and for Years 7&8 parents, on parent app.

The tasks will be part of the lesson sequence and the tasks set will be challenging, require them to think hard and use learning they already have.

Some parts may be videoed input from the teacher, some will be self-directed.

Some lessons will require your child to submit their work for feedback and next steps. This information has also been emailed to your child's oakfieldacademy.org school gmail account.

We look forward to your child, as in school, demonstrating ambition and pride in their learning and working hard.

Plans are already underway in using the virtual face-to-face function of Google Classroom, (Meet), for part of our pastoral curriculum. This will be communicated via Google Classroom to pupils.

When your child accesses Google Classroom Meet you need to make sure they are dressed appropriately, taking pride in their appearance and demonstrating positive etiquette to all involved. Our usual high standards of behaviour will be expected. Please ensure your child has a space to work which is quiet without interruptions as far as possible. A parent will need to be nearby whilst this face-to-face session is taking place

What you'll need at home:

Your child will need a device to access the internet to access the remote learning effectively at home. If your child does not have any of the above, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can help support you.

What you can do to help:

We appreciate that if this situation arises, it may present some challenges for you. We kindly ask for your support so that we can continue to provide high-quality education for your child during this time. We ask that you help them as much as you can.

At the same time, we don't expect you to watch your child all day, and we wouldn't expect parents to get involved in remote lessons in place of our teachers. Our top tips:

Try to encourage your child to be ready and dressed for the start of the school day, and to keep to their timetable

Distinguish between weekdays and weekends, and make it clear when the school day is over, to separate home and school life.

Plan breaks and exercise into the day to help keep your child active.

Reading Suggestions

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<https://toppsta.com/>

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/>

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/>

<https://>

www.harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/>

[childrens](https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/childrens)

<https://www.chickenhousebooks.com/>

<https://www.jacquelinewilson.co.uk/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

[competitions-for-children/childrens-](https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-)

[writing-competitions/](https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/competitions-for-children/childrens-writing-competitions/)

The National Literacy Trust have set up a virtual library with a new book to download and read for free every week: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>