

# September Plans



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the Summer. We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back in September (and all our new Oakfield pupils too 😊) and are pleased that the plans shared in July do not need to be amended too much! Here is the information we sent again but with blue text for the changed or additional information in this letter.

You will have heard that attendance will be mandatory for pupils in September unless a pupil or a member of their family is showing symptoms of Covid 19. [Please let us know of any absence using the attendance email or by calling the academy office.](#) [Authorised absence will be able to be supported with home learning, including the use of Google Classroom.](#) We will send out the Google Classroom guidance again soon.

Our new Year 5 pupils will return first on Monday 7th September, along with pupils we have identified from other year groups who would benefit from extra transition during the first 2 days. All other pupils will return on Wednesday 9th September.

The academy day will be very similar to usual. To minimise transitions around the school, pupils will remain in their tutor base for all of their lessons unless they move to an outside space. The classrooms will be set up slightly differently with tables in rows facing the front and the teacher will remain at the front of the classroom. This will be different to usual and our expectations on behaviour will reflect the current restrictions. [Regular handwashing/sanitising times have been included.](#)

Extra sanitiser stations [have been installed.](#) The academy [has](#) been deep cleaned throughout and the government guidance currently states that children should not wear facemasks in school [unless the area is under a local lockdown.](#) [Pupils and staff may wear them during transition times if they wish.](#) [If you would feel more comfortable for your child to bring in a facemask, please go through how they should safely store the mask and not share it or dispose of it until safely home.](#) Doors and windows will be open throughout the academy where possible to maximise ventilation. One way systems are in place around the academy. [Numerous risk assessments have been carried out in advance of the start of term in September, please contact the academy office for any further information.](#) [With regards to the health of our academy community, we are guided by Public Health every step of the way.](#) Each situation will be handled on an individual basis and we will follow the advice we are given. I ask you to please be mindful of the use of social media in sharing any unofficial information and to only act upon any advice you receive from us through our emails, website or official facebook page.

[Our academy website has a wealth of information for pupils including a welcome from their new year teams and some transition activities.](#)

It is **VITAL** pupils are not sent to school if they display any Covid-19 symptoms, or if anyone in their household displays them.

**Staggered Start and Finish Times:** will be in place in September to reduce the number of pupils going through the gates at any one time. It is important that pupils arrive as close to the given time as possible. Arriving too early creates a queue of pupils and arriving too late may interfere with the next year group arriving. Pupils will need to use hand sanitiser as they enter the school site and go straight to their tutor base. For the first two days, year 5 parents will be able to bring their children up to the year 5 block and collect them from there at the end of the day. From Wednesday onwards, no parents will be permitted on site. For any queries, please contact the academy office via telephone or one of our email addresses.



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Year:	Start Time:	Finish Time:	Gate:
5	8:25am	3pm	Red
6	8:25am	3pm	Silver
7	8:40am	3:10pm	Red
8	8:40am	3:10pm	Silver

We recognise the challenges for some families where their children will have different start times, in these cases it would make sense for them to aim to arrive at about 8:35 so that the younger child can enter towards the end of their arrival 'window' and the older child will be able to enter at the start of theirs.

Please be aware of the Town Council's new initiative – School Streets Project. Please follow the link for further information. <https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/school-streets-frome-pop-up/> Any communication regarding the street closures should be sent to Frome Town Council.

**Clubs:** Breakfast Club will be available starting at 8am each morning and more information is on our website. There will be no after school provision for the first 3 weeks initially but we will be in contact once this has been reviewed.

**Break and Lunchtimes:** Each year group will have a different break timetabled where they will have time to wash their hands, eat their snack and have some time outside. This will be the same at lunchtime where time will be given to washing hands before they eat and each year group will have time outside. Pupils with packed lunches will stay in their classroom to eat whilst pupils who wish to purchase food from the canteen will go to the hall.

**What to Bring:** Pupils must bring with them a fully equipped pencil case (including colouring pencils please), reading book, water bottle and snacks for the day (the canteen will not be open at break time and no water fountains will be in use, though drinking water is accessible to refill bottles). We will not be able to provide any safe storage for mobile phones so we ask that these are left at home wherever possible or they remain switched off in bags and not taken out whilst on the academy site. No other items should be brought in without prior agreement.

**What to Wear:** Uniform is not compulsory for the time being (but is of course welcome to be worn without the tie for anyone who would prefer!) as we are aware that many families will need to purchase new items and we will be in a position to start selling uniform again very soon. Pupils must come to school dressed for outdoor activities and wearing trainers as they will be doing PE almost every day. It will not be possible for pupils to change for PE during the day so PE kit is not required yet. They will need a coat in wet weather. In September it will no longer be necessary to wear a change of clothes each day.

**Curriculum:** During the first 3 weeks back, we will be continually reflecting on the needs of our pupils and tailoring our curriculum based on this. There will be daily reading and numeracy and the curriculum will remain broad and balanced. We will also have a remote learning option planned in case of another lockdown via [Google Classroom](#). During this first phase, many of the lessons will be taught by the tutor, but teachers are able to move within their year group so some specialist teaching will be possible. We have explained this further in a short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiaX47S6Jqc&feature=youtu.be> and tutors will outline everything again in September.

**School Transport:** Somerset Transport have communicated their expectations to families using school transport. On arrival to Oakfield, bus pupils need to enter school via their allocated gate in the morning. At the end of the day bus pupils need to report to the school hall and sit within their allocated area while they wait for their bus.

I hope this answers any queries, but please do get in touch. The academy office will be able to answer from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

See you all again soon,  
Yours sincerely,



Miss Emma Wilkes  
Headteacher