



2nd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a fabulous and relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday September 6th**. Apologies for the length of this letter, there are several updates I need to share with you as we prepare to reopen.

Building update

All summer works which were planned are now completed and the contractors are moving on to the final phases of the project. Their focus this half term will be on the new car park, conversion of the pool and external works. This means that we are losing the entrance via the pitch on Grasmere Road and so the main point of entry to the school will be the Kitchen entrance on Grasmere Road.

Start of the day

- Year 1-6 children will enter the school using the Grasmere Road gate which will open slightly later at **8.40am**.
- Reception children will continue to enter from Clarksfield Road at **8.45am**.
- Nursery will continue to enter via the main office gate from **8.45am**.
- All gates will close at **8.55am**.

End of the day

- Year 1-6 will continue to finish at 3.10pm. We ask parents to continue to wait on Grasmere Road until the kitchen gates are opened. We will continue to operate a 1-way system and will leave via the gates on Clarksfield Road.
- Reception children will continue to be collected from Clarksfield Road at 3.10pm.
- Nursery are to be collected at the end of their sessions from the main entrance.

We are asking parents to continue to not enter the school grounds in the morning.

Uniform

We will be expecting **all** children to be in full uniform. If your child arrives at school not wearing the correct uniform we will contact you to ask you to bring it in for your child.

Uniform is:

- Grey trousers, grey pinafore dress or grey skirts
- Plain black shoes. White soled trainers are not acceptable.
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Blue Oasis Academy Clarksfield sweatshirt or cardigan available from Debonair in Tommy Field Market, Oldham
- Summer uniform- blue gingham school dress or grey shorts
- No jewellery permitted except stud earring and wrist watches

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Can we also ask that only healthy snacks are sent in for break times (No chocolate, biscuits or crisps please.)

Holidays

Can I remind you that holidays shouldn't be taken during term time and will not be approved. This may result in a fine from the council and if your child is absent for 20 school days or more they may be removed from the register. **All dates are on our website.**

Covid-19 precautions update

The Government has published guidance for parents and carers about schools during Covid-19, this has led to the changes below.

When we return to school, what precautions will be the same?

COVID-19 symptoms and positive tests

Do not send your child to school if they are showing one or more Covid-19 symptoms (high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) or they have had a positive test result. Pupils with symptoms must stay at home and arrange to have a PCR test. Should the result be positive they will have to self-isolate. Should they receive a negative result, they can return to school. If a pupil shows symptoms at school, parents will need to collect them and request a test.

Hand Hygiene

Pupils and staff will continue to wash their hands thoroughly and often.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it' We will continue to follow good hygiene around sneezing, using and then disposing tissues safely.

Cleaning

We will continue to have a thorough cleaning schedule with regular cleaning equipment and a focus on frequently touched areas.

Ventilation

We will continue to ensure that the school is well ventilated and once they arrive, we will place a CO2 monitor in all classrooms.

Risk assessments

Senior leaders at school will continue to meet regularly to assess the risk at school. If positive cases begin to rise, we will, in consultation with Public Health England and Oasis, follow an Outbreak Plan to determine which precautions it is appropriate to reintroduce to break the chain of transmission.

Asymptomatic testing

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There is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to take regular tests. Those that, who consent will continue to take two tests each week at home in the new term until the end of September, when the government will review this.

When we return to school, what precautions will be different?

Bubbles

The government is no longer recommending that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups (or bubbles). We are continuing to stagger breaks and lunchtimes though to keep year groups as separate as possible.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Schools are no longer responsible for contact tracing. Instead, NHS Test and Trace will contact the family of the pupil with a confirmed case to identify who they have been in close contact with.

Children under the age of 18 are no longer required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a confirmed case. Instead, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and they will advise for your child to take a PCR Test. They do not have to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result. Should the result be positive they will have to self-isolate. Should they receive a negative result, they can return to school.

We strongly recommend that if your child is asked to take a PCR test that they do so for everyone's safety.

We are of course pleased that some of the COVID-19 precautions are reducing, however we will continue to adhere to many of the precautionary measure we had in place to keep all safe.

Children must only come to school if they are well, and everyone is responsible for following all precautions that remain in place. As is clear in the guidance, we as a school will be prepared to reintroduce further COVID-19 precautions should it be necessary, and we are advised to by Public Health England.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N Fowler'.

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