

12th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Hope you are well and have had a brilliant summer break. It has been lovely to see all of the children returning to school this last few days.

Please see below some updates and a few reminders:

Outdoor spaces

We have been working very hard to find the funding to make improvements to the outdoor areas. I'm really pleased to be able to announce one of the 2 pitches will be covered by AstroTurf very soon and we have invested a significant amount of funds to improve the Early Years playground which was the old school carpark on Clarksfield Road. This is hopefully going to be completed by half term.

Tesco

If you shop in Tesco on Huddersfield Road please look out for the blue tokens you get from the checkouts. In October we have a bid to further develop the outdoor area and need you to ask family and friends to support us by voting for us using the blue tokens. Further information will come out nearer the time.

Uniform

It has been brilliant to see how smart all of our children have looked since returning. Please see below a reminder of what is expected for uniform.

Uniform is:

- Grey trousers, grey pinafore dress or grey skirts
- Plain black shoes. 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
- PE kit is a plain unbranded white T-shirt and dark blue or black shorts. PE sweatshirts are available and long tracksuit trousers are also permitted. Football kits are not to be worn for PE.

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



RAAC

As you will have seen in the news last week a number of schools across the country have been affected by a specific type of concrete called RAAC which has resulted in closures. There is no indication we have any on site and therefore this isn't an issue at Clarksfield.

Leesbrook

Miss Livesey, Principal at Leesbrook, is continuing her maternity leave and therefore I will still be splitting my time across Clarksfield and Leesbrook. Miss Morrish will remain as Acting Head of School and Mr Prendergast as Acting Deputy at Clarksfield until my full return.

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.

Please check the school website for the most up to date holiday list.

Kind regards

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