



OPJS Newsletter

Christmas Issue – Friday 18th December 2020
Academic Year 2020-2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

Well what a year! It's fair to say that we won't miss some aspects of 2020 given the challenges that we have faced and continue to face. Never in all my twenty plus years of teaching have I ever experienced times like this and let's hope that 2021 is a better year that's for sure. Needless to say, I have been so proud and impressed of all of the OPJS Family over the past year at how they have reacted and adapted to the challenges of the year. I sincerely hope that you have a safe, restful, careful and peaceful Christmas and here's to a happy new year! As ever, it's been bonkers here at OPJS and let's catch up on all of the news. On that, please do check us out on Twitter @OPJS_Bath as it is being constantly updated – I have become quite obsessed with tweeting!

OPJS Update

- Our Y6 have been very busy over the past week! Indeed, they thoroughly enjoyed their Viking Day yesterday and a snapshot is opposite. Furthermore, they had a great special guest role in Hayesfield School's rendition of Silent Night so please do follow the link to check out the film:

<https://youtu.be/5z7o1m0ByxQ>

- Sticking to the music theme, I hope that you have had chance to have a look at this year's OPJS Christmas Single. Our version of 'Do they know it's Christmas?' is a cracker and do follow the link

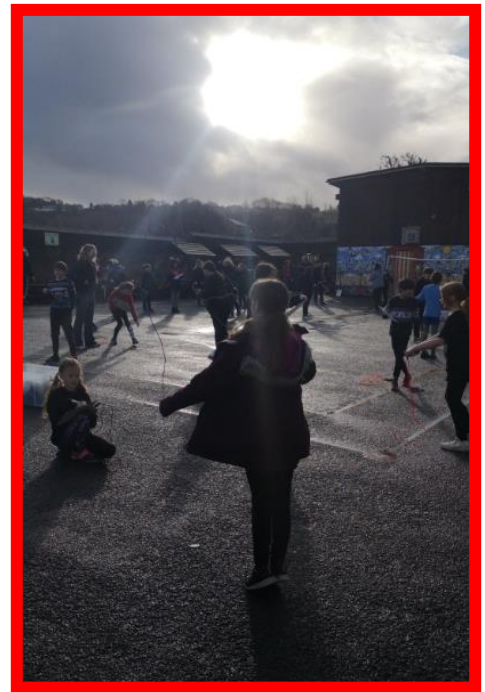
<https://youtu.be/M81DOT3HJ7c>. A huge thank you to all of the children and staff as well as to our own Spielberg that is Mr Dack for putting the film together. We're hoping to raise a little bit of money for our PTA from the video and if you would like to donate then do use the details below:

Reference: BANDAID
Oldfield Park Junior School PTA
Account Number: 53969968
Sort Code: 30-90-89

- Just a reminder to any prospective 2021 Y3 parents/carers to have a look at our film: <https://youtu.be/mi33PSqdBnE> as well as have a look on our website for all the information regarding coming to OPJS: <https://www.oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com/1827/welcome-prospective-new-y3-parents>



- 📌 Here's what we have been up to during this Christmas week!
 - We thoroughly enjoyed our Skip to Santa as we raised money for four great causes. A snapshot is opposite and many thanks for your support in collecting the sponsorship as well as your generous donations. Well done to all and it's fair to say that we made it to Lapland – and then some! I'll let you know how much we have raised in the New Year and thank you to Mr Newman for organising.
 - Our Christmas Postbox came up trumps! Hooray!
 - It's been great wearing Christmas mufti all week! Oooh sparkly!
 - The Jack and the Beanstalk panto was fab and a HUGE thank you to the OPJS PTA for purchasing it for us!
 - Christmas Parties have been in full swing!
 - All of our year groups visited Ascension Church to experience 'Follow the Star'. A snapshot is opposite and many thanks to Rev. Robert and the team for the invite. Please do keep an eye out for the email from Steve regarding the Christmas events at Ascension over the festive period!



Christmas Arrangements

Just a reminder of what I recently sent out regarding what to do if there is a positive case in the holidays. Here goes:

- 📌 For the first 6 days after teaching ends (from Friday 18th December and up to Christmas Eve), if your child tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December), then do contact me on: head@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com**
- 📌 We are being asked to assist identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as your child may have been infectious whilst in school.
- 📌 If your child tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school do not contact OPJS**. Please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- 📌 I will, of course, check my email at regular intervals daily right up to and including Christmas Eve. I have everything crossed that it will be fine, however there is a risk that if we do have a positive case that falls in with the scenario highlighted in the first bullet point, then children and adults may have to self-isolate.



Dates for the Diary

Here's the dates

- 📌 **Today: Christmas Competitions and End of term**
- 📌 **Monday 4th January: INSET Day**
- 📌 **Tuesday 5th January: Start of Term 3 with the usual timings**

And finally,

Well it just leaves me to say, once again, many thanks for your support over 2020. I sincerely hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and, of course, a Happy New Year! Please do take care, keep well and do stay safe!

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<p>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY </p> <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<p>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS </p> <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<p>RETAIL </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>WORK AND BUSINESS </p> <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<p>EDUCATION </p> <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>INDOOR LEISURE </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>ACCOMMODATION </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>PERSONAL CARE </p> <p>Open.</p>
<p>OVERNIGHT STAYS </p> <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS </p> <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<p>ENTERTAINMENT </p> <p>Open.</p>	<p>PLACES OF WORSHIP </p> <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<p>TRAVELLING </p> <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<p>EXERCISE </p> <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>RESIDENTIAL CARE </p> <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>LARGE EVENTS </p> <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



COVID-19 information

A quick guide for parents and carers



Please follow the advice in this guide. Only contact the school if your child is having a test and to let us know the result. Your school will not be able to advise beyond the information given here. **Please remember to only get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms.**

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

a high temperature

OR

a new continuous cough

OR

a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste



This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour; or three or more episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough it may be worse than usual)

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal







If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.

Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
My child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Book a test for your child Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate Inform school immediately about test result 	If test is negative and child is well enough, and not advised to self-isolate by test and trace service
My child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) 	They can return to school after 10 days as long as they have not had a fever in the previous 48 hours. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone

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What to do if...	Action needed	When can my child return to school?
Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Household & support bubble member with symptoms to book a test Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	When household & support bubble member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms and if child has not been advised to self isolate by test and trace services
Somebody in my household & support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if they test negative during those 14 days Inform school immediately about test result 	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household & support bubble does not need to self-isolate, unless they are also a 'close contact' 	When they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without symptoms. They must self-isolate for 14 days even if they test negative during that time
Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school as normal If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	Attend school as normal
We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14 days - even if they test negative during those 14 days Travel reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy 	When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school. Contact school as advised by attendance officer/pastoral team Child to shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again