



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Well I can't quite believe that it is the 1st of July! Goodness me where has the time gone! It's fair to say that it continues to be super busy at OPJS! Phew! Thank you for your continued support as we enter the last couple of weeks of our rather eventful year!

OPJS Update

- 📌 We had the great pleasure of welcoming our new Year 3s last Friday for their first of three transition sessions with their new teachers Mrs Van Roy and Miss Miller. Here's to the remaining two visits!
- 📌 I'm really pleased that the last OPJS Bookswap for this academic year went so very well. Once again, many thanks to Mrs Cannadine for organising and all of her support. She is also busy preparing and refreshing our school library ready for September.
- 📌 A big thank you to Year 6 parents/carers for your kind donations of school uniform. We're looking forward to the second hand uniform sale next week.
- 📌 A big thank you to Tom (Rudy's dad) who has popped in today to take photos of our amazing Y6 for their end of year photo in a socially distant way! A big thank you to Rob (Izaak's dad) who will be doing his magic and putting them together! Here's to a great photo!

Plan for the remainder of Term 6

Here's a reminder of the plan for the last two weeks of term:

Plan – Week Beginning 6/7/20

- **All year groups** follow a part-time model resulting in each class attending school two days a week. Each class will be split into two pods and their respective pod attends either on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday.
- Friday will be used for Y2 to visit OPJS as part of transition.
- Monday-Friday: Key Worker pod provision will continue.

Plan – Week Beginning 13/7/20

- **All year groups** follow a part-time model resulting in each class attending school two days a week. Each class will be split into two pods and their respective pod attends either on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday.
- Friday: Y6 Celebration Day
- Monday-Friday: Key Worker pod provision will continue.

If you're still not too sure what days your child is in over the next two weeks then who ya gonna call? No, not Ghostbusters but the legend that is 'Spreadsheet Steve' in the School Office! With regards to next

week, please find on the next few pages a reminder of the routines and how things have changed. On that, please do check out the video of how things have changed: <https://youtu.be/zu1hZESV1UE>

What will be different?

- Every Y3-Y5 class has been split into two pods of no greater than 15 pupils/half the class.
- Year 6 will continue as their original pod and will revert back to the two days they were doing previously.
- Each pod will attend on a Monday and Tuesday **or** Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in two days per week for your child.
- The days that your child will be attending is on the email sent by Steve.
- There will be no mixing of 'pods' throughout the day or across the week.
- Each pod will have a separate break and lunch time on a designated area of the playground or field.
- We will be minimising the use of shared spaces and resources.
- Pupils will have their own resource pack provided by school.
- There will be staggered drop off/pick up/break/lunch times – to maintain social distancing.
- There will be increased cleaning throughout the day.
- Each pod will have a designated toilet.

How will it look?

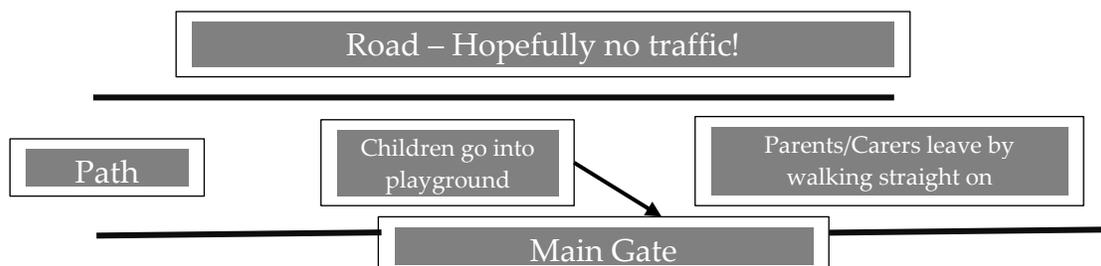
- 📌 Each pod will be based in their current classroom. An example of how the classrooms have been set up is opposite.
- 📌 Each pod will have their own class teacher(s).
- 📌 There will still be a Keyworker pod for children who need access to school for more than the two days per week. This will be led by Mr Reilly and Mrs Warren and based in the Hub/Play Centre.



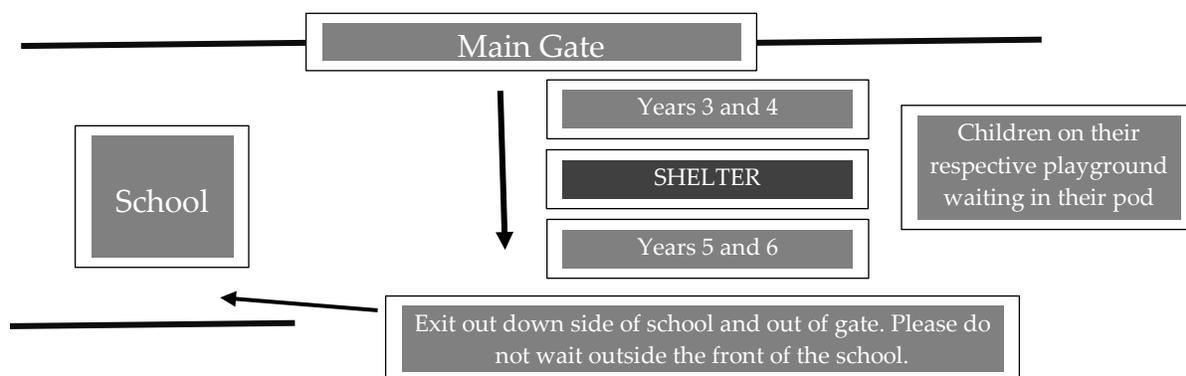
Drop off and Pick Up

A few points:

- 📌 Children **must** be accompanied and collected from school by one adult.
- 📌 We would like children to walk to school with their parent/carer as much as possible so as to avoid any parking issues.
- 📌 With regards to parking, we would appreciate if you intend to travel to school by car then please park away from the school and Church.
- 📌 There will be a School Crossing Patrol. Yay Tina!
- 📌 **Drop Off** – Children will enter through the main gate, no parents/carers will be allowed onto the playground. Please queue outside of the main gate and observe social distancing. It's a case of simply walking up the path and dropping child at the gate then walking onwards. Apologies for the diagram below!



Pick Up – Parent/Carer entrance is through the main gate onto playground. Collect your child and leave via the top gate (the side gate at the top of the school near the office).



Drop off and Pick Up Times

Find below the drop off and pick up times. The chances are that one or two of you may have a clash of timings as you may have a child at OPIS. This is fine and not an issue as we will keep your child until they can be collected. Do please let either the School Office or your child’s teacher know if this applies to you.

Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Y3 and Y5	8.40am-8.50am	3pm-3.10pm
Y4 and Y6	8.50am-9am	3.10pm-3.20pm
KW Pod:	9am-9.10am	3.20pm-3.30pm

What will it look like? A reminder of a few things 😊

- 📌 **Uniform** – Flexible, as children can wear their own clothes as long as they’re suitable and, moreover, washed and clean on every day. No PE kit will be required as we will not be allowing the children to change so it is important that clothing is appropriate. Aspects of uniform can be worn by the way. Trainers please and no flip flops.
- 📌 Given the above, children will be **outside** as often as possible.
- 📌 **No pencil cases** allowed as children will be provided their own bag of resources.
- 📌 **Packed lunches only** – free school meal children will need to use the food provided from the weekly food bags.
- 📌 Children will eat in their pod in their classroom or outside if possible in a socially distant way!
- 📌 Children will need to bring in their **own water bottle**. The water fountains have been switched off. However, we will provide an opportunity for children to refill their bottles at set points throughout the day.
- 📌 Allocated zones on the playground/field per pod.
- 📌 Allocated toilets per pod.
- 📌 Increased handwashing throughout the day.
- 📌 Extensive Health and Safety/Risk Assessment in place.

- 🕒 Increased cleaning throughout the day.
- 🕒 Social distancing will be in place and we would appreciate if you discuss and explain what this means so as to prepare them for when they come back.
- 🕒 Although the guidance has changed, we will try as much as possible to enforce social distancing at 2m. However, this may not be possible at all times.

What happens for the other three days of the week?

First and foremost can I thank you once again for all of your hard work in supporting your child's home learning since March. As a parent myself, it hasn't been easy juggling the demands of school and working that's for sure so I 'doff my cap' and say thank you and well done! Needless to say, there will be work set on the relevant year group section of our website for the other three days to complement what they will be covering during the two days your child is with us.

Free School Meals

It is fair to say that times are rather challenging at the moment, in more ways than one. Therefore the B&NES Free School Meals Eligibility Checking service now has a new Free School Meals web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online **benefit related free school meal application form** which can be found using the following link: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and then navigate to 'Apply online for free school meals.' If you have had a change in circumstances this may now mean that you meet the qualification criteria for free school meals as detailed below or you may already be eligible if you are receiving any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (**WITHOUT Working Tax Credit**) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- **Run-on** Working Tax Credit which is *only paid for 4 weeks* after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Just a note to say that if your child is in year 6 going into year 7 in a B&NES Secondary School and they are currently receiving benefit related free school meals, there is no need to reapply as eligibility to a free school meal will transfer to their new B&NES secondary school.

And finally,

As always, thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Phew it's busy but it's very much welcomed and here's to the next two weeks! On that, just a reminder that the end of the academic year is **Friday 17th July** and the start of the next academic year is **Wednesday 2nd September**. Stay safe and take care.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.