



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again I hope all is well and welcome to the third OPJS Newsletter of the term. Things continue to settle as we embrace the 'new normal' and thank you for your continued support. In this week's OPJS Newsletter we have a few updates and reminders. However, we start with some sad news for the OPJS family.

Ben Saunders Foundation

We were saddened to hear that one of our ex pupils, Ben Saunders, passed away earlier this month after a long battle with cancer. Although I didn't know him and he was here before I joined OPJS, many staff spoke fondly of him and it is clear that he was held in such high regard by all who knew him. To celebrate and remember his life we, as a school, are supporting the amazing Ben Saunders Foundation:

www.bensaundersfoundation.org. The foundation hopes to raise money for a

holiday sanctuary home for families of children with cancer, whether it is for respite for the parents or as a break for the whole family. If you are able to support the foundation then please do follow the link. Finally, as you know, Mrs Jenner does love to go out for a cheeky run now and again! Not to disappoint, Mrs Jenner is donning those running shoes and participating in next week's virtual London Marathon. She's running for the Ben Saunders Foundation and it would be great if you could log on and sponsor her for this amazing worthwhile cause.

OPJS Update

- As you are probably aware we are serving hot lunches and it has been pleasing to see a significant increase in take up. Keep an eye out for Steve's legendary email for what's on the menu next week!
- As part of our 'Bubble' assemblies I have been reiterating the message of 'Hands, Face and Space' as well as keeping spirits high as we work together during this challenging time. Our children have been fantastic and I have been so impressed how they have embraced the new normal.
- We welcomed Next Gen last week and our school photos were a great success. Proofs are available for viewing virtually and the ordering process should be straightforward with NextGen.
- Keep up the good work with our uniform and ensuring your child is in the right kit on the right days!
- We have been celebrating European Languages Day today with our year groups looking into a language that is special to them. Indeed, Y3 have been learning Romanian, talking Italian in Y4 (Bananarama would be proud!), Y5 are perfecting Portuguese and there's a bit of Dutch courage in Y6 for sure!

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Travel to and from OPJS, parking issues and being good neighbours ☺

- ☹ Unfortunately we have received a number of complaints regarding parking, whether it be illegally in the 'No Stopping' zone outside school or blocking garages/driveways at the back of Claude Avenue. Please could you ensure that you park legally and considerately at the start and end of the day. On that, we would like to encourage as many parents/carers as possible to



- have a go at the '5 Minute Walking Bubble' and park five minutes away and walk to OPJS or, even better, leave the car at home and walk or cycle the whole way.
- ☹ On the cycling theme, we are looking to install a couple of cycle racks for our children to use as well as parents/carers at pick up and drop off time.
- ☹ To help ease the congestion at the end of the day Miss Butler or I will be heading out to support Tina so that we have two crossing patrols to ensure it all flows!
- ☹ Steve will send a link to the BaNES Liveable Neighbourhoods Survey and please do follow the link and provide your thoughts.
- ☹ Finally, I had a really positive meeting with a couple of parents last week to discuss the challenge of parking and traffic at the start and end of the day. We discussed and are looking into closing the road at the side of the school at the end of the day for a short time so as to allow our families to leave safely via the side wooden gate and, consequently, ease congestion. I will be in touch with further details next week.

COVID Update

- ☹ You should have received the COVID-19 Information guide, it's included on the next couple of pages, and please do keep this handy as it is really useful – especially given all those pesky sniffles that we all seem to be suffering from! As ever, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you are unsure as to whether to send your child to school or if you have any questions or queries.
- ☹ Please do keep an eye out on Monday for a letter that will highlight what we have in place if we have to close a bubble or bubbles. In a nutshell, it will be similar to what we had in place over lockdown which included setting work via email and our website as well as providing hard copies of work as requested.



And finally,

Once again many thanks for your support and please do keep safe and take care.

With every good wish,

Mr Dave Goucher

Headteacher.

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

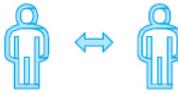
If your child DOES NOT have symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate.

[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, symptom free for 48 hours 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) 	When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school 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?
<p>Somebody in my household & support bubble has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p> 	<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 	<p>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</p>
<p>Somebody in my household & support bubble has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14days 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 	<p>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</p>
<p>NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact'</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Child to self-isolate for 14days (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' 	<p>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</p>
<p>Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a 'close contact'</p> 	<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 	<p>Attend school as normal</p>
<p>We / my child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to school Whole household & support bubble to self-isolate for 14days –even if they test negative during those 14 days <p>Travel reminders:</p> <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 	<p>When the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
<p>We have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> 	<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 	<p>When school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>