



OPJS Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the fourth OPJS Newsletter of the term and I hope that you and yours are well. It continues to be a positive time at OPJS and many thanks for your support and understanding as we settle into our new routine. Here we go with our update!

OPJS Update

- 🏆 Well she did it! A BIG well done to Mrs Jenner for her sterling effort as she completed this year's Virgin Virtual London Marathon! A fantastic feat given the challenges of this year and, moreover, an amazing achievement as she raised money for the Ben Saunders Foundation. If you would like to donate and recognise Mrs Jenner's herculean effort then don't hesitate to log onto the BSF's website on: www.bensaundersfoundation.org.
- 🏆 Just a reminder to my email last week but, as the weather turns, we're having to face the problem of ensuring adequate ventilation in classrooms in line with Public Health guidance while at the same time keeping warm as the temperature drops! Brrrrr! It's an interesting one that's for sure!! Please could you ensure that your child wears an extra layer under their uniform to keep them comfortable - this could be a t-shirt or long sleeve top underneath their polo shirt for example. We will, of course, endeavour to keep to a minimum the number of windows open - in line with the guidance we have to follow. Finally, as you know, we are a big believer in play at OPJS so we will be out playing in pretty much all weathers (within reason) so please do ensure that your child has a coat with them. When it gets even chillier then hats, scarves and gloves are a must!
- 🏆 We welcomed five new members of staff to OPJS with Mr Breese joining Y3, Miss Price joining Y4, Mr Tweedie-Smith joining Y5 and both Miss Courtecuisse and Miss Mullaly joining Y6. I am sure you are with me in wishing them all the best in their time at OPJS.
- 🏆 Just another reminder regarding parking and many thanks to those of you who are helping by parking away and walking into school. I am in discussions with BaNES with regards to how we can improve as well as asking our community PCSOs to keep an eye out and about school.
- 🏆 Just a follow up with regards to home learning in that it will be similar to how we approached learning in lockdown. However we will be using some online teaching to complement this provision. This will be in the form of online videos prepared by staff



and use of online platforms such as Purplemash and Seesaw so as to help and support any work that is set.

Harvest Mufti this Friday!

At this time of year we would usually be heading next door to the Ascension Church for our Harvest Festival. For obvious reasons this isn't a goer but we are still collecting for the Genesis Foodbank by holding a mufti this coming Friday. Please do send in any tinned food, packets, pasta, rice and any long life items such as milk and juice so as to allow your child to wear their own clothes.



PTA Mufti on Friday 23rd October

As you can imagine, due to everything that has happened since March, our amazing OPJS PTA have missed out on organising a number of events. Consequently OPJS has missed out on a considerable amount of funding – funding which is used to get those 'little extras' that we can't usually afford. Needless to say, the PTA are thinking of some novel ways of raising money and you're more than welcome to join the online meetings over the coming weeks. However, in the meantime, we will be having a mufti day on the last day of term. Usual routines apply of bringing in at least a £1 (more if you can spare it!) and your child can wear their own clothes. Many thanks for your support during this challenging time.

COVID Update

- 📌 You should have received the updated COVID-19 Information guide from Steve but if not it's included on the next couple of pages. 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.

A graphic with a blue border containing the text 'COVID-19 information' in a large, bold, blue font, followed by 'A quick guide for parents and carers' in a smaller, black font. To the right of the text is a stylized blue icon of a virus particle with several spikes.

Dates for the Diary

Here's some dates for the diary:

- 📌 **Today: Y6 SATs Parent/Carer Meeting**
- 📌 **Friday 9th October: Harvest Mufti 'Bring in a packet/tin'**
- 📌 **Monday 12th October: Flu Vaccinations**
- 📌 **Thursday 15th October: World Maths Day**
- 📌 **Tuesday 20th October: OPJS PTA AGM at 6pm via ZOOM**
Please contact the OPJS PTA on opjspta@oldfieldparkjuniorschool.com if you would like to attend.
- 📌 **Friday 23rd October: End of Term 1 and PTA Mufti Day**
- 📌 **Monday 2nd November: Start of Term 2**

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, 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 <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 	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