

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021



**Osbalwick**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well.

We are delighted to be welcoming all our children back into school from Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday. There is universal agreement that the best place for children to learn is in school alongside their teachers and peers and we are so pleased that we can now begin to plan for this.

That said, however, we do need to remain vigilant and remember that Coronavirus will not disappear on March 8<sup>th</sup> and a risk of infection still remains. All the stringent, protective measures that are currently in place will remain so.

### **All Children to Return**

It is expected that ALL children from ALL year groups will return to school on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of children who fall into the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable category. If your child falls into this group, please contact me via the school office ([admin.osb@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.osb@ebor.academy)).

Whilst most of our children will be looking forward to coming back to school to see their friends and teachers, I appreciate that some might be anxious about it and this is entirely understandable. Please be reassured that staff will be prepared for this and there will be opportunities for the children to talk about their feelings and share any concerns they may have.

### **WEB Team**

Our WEB (Well Being) Team will be liaising with staff to provide support for children who will find returning to school difficult. They will be able to support the children through individual or small group activities around social and emotional well being. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school, please contact me via the School Office ([admin.osb@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.osb@ebor.academy)).

### **Online Learning**

As all children will be returning to school, there will no longer be the need for home online learning. We are all very appreciative of your support for your child's online learning whilst they have been at home. We know that it hasn't always been easy, with many of you juggling other commitments in addition to encouraging and cajoling your child to engage with online learning!

However, there still may be circumstances where remote teaching and learning will still be needed in the future - individual children isolating or bubbles closing due to cases or isolating. We will ensure that, should this need arise, the remote learning

will be of the same high standard as during lockdown and will, wherever possible, reflect the teaching and learning that is happening in school.

**For those children who have been learning at home, please ensure that you bring your Chrome Books and chargers back to school on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **The Curriculum**

When the children return, there will be opportunities for them to reconnect with their friends and teachers and school routines through our usual broad, creative and engaging curriculum. The teachers will ensure that the children are sensitively assessed to identify any gaps in their learning and plan lessons accordingly, providing opportunities for children to “catch up” where needed.

Staff are currently planning a “Welcome Back Week” which will see the children take part in activities around Art, Sports, Well Being and outdoor learning. We are also delaying World Book Day from March 4<sup>th</sup> so that we can celebrate this altogether when back in school.

### **Wrap Around Care**

Breakfast and After School Club will be reopening from Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mrs Leahy - [osbaldwickoosc@ebor.academy](mailto:osbaldwickoosc@ebor.academy) - to book places. Drop off and collection from Breakfast and After School Clubs will be from the usual blue front doors. Please remember to socially distance when arriving and leaving.

### **Enquiries to the School Office**

The Office will remain closed to face to face contact, but the Admin Team is still contactable via email and/or telephone. The email address is [admin.osb@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.osb@ebor.academy).

Please note that our main school phone number is now: **01904 806429**.

Any payments that need to be made for school meals or wrap around care should be made via the Parent Pay or a BACS transfer. Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

### **Illness**

Whilst we know that, nationally, infection rates are slowing and numbers are decreasing, the easing of certain lockdown measures may cause a slight rise in cases of Covid.

If your child shows any symptoms of the virus, we ask that you do **not** send them into school and that you arrange for them to be tested. The symptoms are:

- A new, persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss or change in the sense of taste and/or smell.

We will ask that you let us know of the test results as soon as possible so that, if necessary, we can take the appropriate action.

### **Drop Off and Collection Times**

The one way system that is currently in place, will remain in place, as will the designated entrances and exits for each class.

We ask that parents and carers and children arrive on site and access the playground by taking the path to the left of the school building (past the bike sheds) and drop children off in the playground. The children will then walk into their classrooms via their designated entrances independently and be met and greeted by their classroom staff team.

In the interests of safety we ask that, once your child has left you to go inside, that you then exit the playground promptly via the gate opposite the MUGA and follow the path around to the front of the building. Please continue to follow the path and exit the school grounds via the left hand side gate.

When waiting for your child at the end of the day, we would please urge you to stand back away from the gates where the children will be handed over to you and to maintain distance between yourself and others to ensure your own safety and that of others. Once again, we ask that, once you have your child with you, please leave the site promptly, following the one way system.

Drop off times will be between 8.45-9am for all classes.

Collection times will be:

1MT, 2HM, 3JP	3pm
1/2SM, 3/4KG, 4BC, 5FW, 5/6GR, 6JH	3.15pm

Parents with children in classes with different collection times need to collect their earlier child at their designated time and then will be able to wait to collect their other child. Please ensure that social distancing is observed at all times.

**Please note that all adults should be wearing a suitable face mask when dropping off and collecting children. Please do not be offended if reminded by school staff - if you are unable to wear a covering for a legitimate reason, please let staff know.**

### **Belongings**

Your child will need to bring the following to school with them each day and remember to take all their belongings home with them at the end of each day. This is

to still allow our Cleaning Teams clear access to all areas to undertake the daily deep clean.

- A pencil case - **Years 3-6 only**
- Water bottle - there will be no water fountains available
- Book Bag
- Snack Bag - for younger children
- Pack up - if bringing their own lunch
- Coat - weather dependent.

Belongings can be brought to and from school in a backpack but this must be able to be left on a coat peg during the day and taken home each night.

We would be grateful if you could please work with your child on being responsible for their belongings and being able to pack their bags efficiently and independently.

### **Uniform**

All children will be expected to wear their uniform when returning to school. Please ensure that all items are named so that all can be sent home at the end of each day.

### **Support from Parents and Carers**

As the children prepare to return to school, we would really appreciate your support in talking to them beforehand about the continued importance of good hygiene and safety measures. We will still be expecting the children to take part in regular hand washing, sanitising and taking the “catch it, bin it, kill it” approach when blowing their noses or sneezing and maintaining distance between themselves and others wherever possible.

We would also appreciate your support in talking to your child about behavioral expectations regarding keeping everyone safe and listening to and following new instructions and directions.

As I have previously mentioned, we have a robust Risk Assessment and safety measures in place and, whilst we can't completely eliminate any risk of infection, we are doing all we can to minimise it. All of our systems and processes are regularly reviewed and updated in accordance with Government and Trust guidance.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of our children back with us on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>..

Best wishes



Mrs Mould,  
Acting Headteacher

