



Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academies



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

Many thanks for your support in helping the new school year and return to school to get off to a really positive start. All of the children have made an excellent start to the new term showing confidence, resilience, eagerness to learn and a really responsible attitude towards keeping themselves and others safe.

We would also like to wish a very warm welcome to all of the new families who have joined our schools this term, including our new Reception families and we look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks.

We are very proud of all of the children and in particular, our new Reception and Year Three pupils, who have settled into the Academies fantastically well.

It has been a real pleasure this week to see our classrooms filled with children enjoying their learning once more!

We would like to share some key information with you:

Challenges for All:

The organisation in school and around the site is obviously very different to how our routines and procedures have been in the past. This is of course led by planning to follow specific guidance and ensure that our risk assessments are clear to keep everyone healthy and safe.

We are very aware that the changes required of us affect the whole community. Thank you for working with us in this and we would want to assure you that we are constantly looking at how we can help families with these adapted arrangements, whilst also maintaining our key priority of health and safety.

Current Guidance from Public Health England and NHS:

To ensure that the NHS are able to identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, we have been asked to recommend to parents, children and staff who feel unwell, that you get tested if you develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms:

- *a high temperature*
- *a new, continuous cough*
- *the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell, or*
- *they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse)*

If parents, children or staff develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms described above, only they should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic. Unless a parent, child or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP.

If your child feels unwell, for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache, these children don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

Staying safe on the Academy Sites:

- Hygiene is a priority:

We prioritise good hand and respiratory hygiene as a non-negotiable in our academy culture. Children must clean their hands thoroughly and often; when arriving at school, returning from breaks, following different activities and before and after eating. We use soap and running water, and hand sanitizer. Children are supported in this process. We also constantly promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes.

- Maintaining social distancing:

Children are constantly reminded to provide each other with space and the need to avoid contact where possible. This includes lining up and organisation within classroom bases.

In order to support adults in staying safe and avoid the risk of transmission we would ask that all parents/carers wear face masks from Monday 14th September when entering the site. This measure and continued commitment to social distancing will support our school community.

High Expectations and Celebrating Success

- We continue to have the highest expectations of all of our pupils.
- Our expectations of children's behaviour and our associated rules remain largely the same as last year with some additional expectations in place to further support safety throughout the pandemic.
- With the current COVID restrictions, there have been some minor adaptations to the Rewards and Consequences in school to ensure that bubbles are not mixed and children and staff remain safe.
- Children's efforts and achievements are celebrated through Golden Book nominations and children are rewarded with stickers and certificates. Teachers also celebrate children's achievements through a range of additional weekly certificates.
- Class attendance awards continue to take place weekly.

Beginning and End of the Academy Day:

Thank you for working with us to keep the school community safe by arriving at the designated time and for leaving the site quickly. Our staggered start and finish times are in place to ensure that adults can be kept safe on site.

Thank you also to Junior parents for waiting in designated year group areas to ensure families can socially distance.

- A reminder that from Monday 14th September all Junior Academy children (Years 3 to 6) should be dropped at the gate and enter the playground area via the path independently please.
- Parents of children from Reception to Year 2 should continue to use the one-way system in place.

Reading books and equipment

- In line with recent guidance we are pleased to now be able to allow small school bags, backpacks or book bags on site. Please bear in mind that space is limited in classrooms, where these have to be stored. Equipment brought by the children must be limited to essentials – lunchbox, trainers, water bottle, reading book. No toys or unnecessary items to be brought into school please. Children are provided with all necessary stationery
- Reading books will be sent home in sanitized plastic wallets and your child's book bag or back pack can be helpful in transporting this.

- Please encourage your child in Year 3-6 to take their online Accelerated Reader quizzes once they have completed a book. We are looking forward to seeing which pupils will become 'Word Millionaires' this year!
To minimize the risk of transmission of the virus we will not at this point be sending home reading records to accompany these and these will be kept within school instead.
Upon return to school, the plastic bag will be sanitized and the reading book will be quarantined for 72 hours before being made available to other children.

Communication.

We are committed to working closely with parents and carers and understand that the current organisation means that we have to limit the time that we can spend talking with parents. In order to support greater home/school communication, we would like to direct parents to the "Class email" system that worked so effectively during lockdown.

The purpose of the "class email" system is to support contact with your child's teacher, enable you to ask questions, share successes and to be notified of individual achievements.

These will be checked by staff at the beginning and end of the school day.

We would encourage you to use this as a positive tool to work together as we believe our partnership is crucial.

Class email addresses are as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
starfish@ocpia.co.uk	sparrow@ocpja.co.uk
dolphin@ocpia.co.uk	robin@ocpja.co.uk
puffin@ocpia.co.uk	blackbird@ocpja.co.uk
cricket@ocpia.co.uk	woodpecker@ocpja.co.uk
ladybird@ocpia.co.uk	chaffinch@ocpja.co.uk
butterfly@ocpia.co.uk	wagtail@ocpja.co.uk
ibis@ocpia.co.uk	kingfisher@ocpja.co.uk
kangaroo@ocpia.co.uk	heron@ocpja.co.uk
giraffe@ocpia.co.uk	bittern@ocpja.co.uk
	peregrine@ocpja.co.uk
	marshharrier@ocpja.co.uk
	kestrel@ocpja.co.uk

Also remember that our academy websites contain a range of information that may be of help to you.

We aim to communicate as much as is possible with parents via email. Newsletters, invitations and updates will usually come via this means. Please ensure that the academy office has an up to date email address for you. Downloading the Parentmail app is a convenient way to keep in touch.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Best wishes,

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