



'A happy place to learn and grow'
Oxhey First School

Part of the



19th June 2020  Visit our Twitter page for more pictures of this week's events @oxhefirst

Dear parents/carers,

We have welcomed many more of our children back to Oxhey this week and we are extremely proud of them. They have settled well and adjusted to the 'new' way of school life. Thank you to our parents for their patience and support at this unusual time. HUGE thanks goes to the staff too, who have worked really hard to ensure that the children are happy and safe in school, as well as, continuing to provide fabulous learning for our home-learners.

We hope that you are all staying safe and well and enjoy the weekend, from Mrs Jukes (Headteacher).

Social Distancing

Polite reminder - please ensure only one adult brings and collects pupils to school and keeps their distance, both in the queues and whilst navigating the one way system.

This system is working very well and we appreciate parents support, but as numbers of returning pupils increase we would like this strict social distancing to continue.



Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Harnett to our team from September –she will be working in Key Stage 2 in *Fabulous Foxes* class.

She currently works at Kingsfield and so is very happy to be continuing to work within our multi-academy Trust.

Children returning to school

The final intake date will be Monday 29th June, If you are interested in your child returning to Nursery, Reception or Year 1 please email
 admin@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk

We will reply at the end of next week to advise if we have spaces available in our Bubbles.

Staffing Structure – September 2020

Although September is quite some time away and government plans are still very unclear, we do feel we must plan as normal for the next academic year, so below is a table of the school structure.

All families will be receiving information shortly about their child's new class.

Key Stage	Year Group	Class Name	Teacher/Lead	Teaching Assistant
Early Years	Nursery	Little Ladybirds	Mrs Christie	Mrs Squires Miss Johnson
	Nursery/Reception	Dazzling Dragonflies	Mrs Fletcher	Mrs Petznick
	Nursery/Reception	Sparkly Spiders	Mrs Holt	Mrs Bibby
Key Stage 1	Year 1/2	Terrific Turtles	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Munro
	Year 1/2	Amazing Alligators	Miss McGeady	Mrs Critchlow Mrs Barker
	Year 1/2	Perfect Pandas	Mrs Cooper	Mrs Stonier
Key Stage 2	Year 3/4	Outstanding Owls	Mrs Nevitt	Mrs Holt
	Year 3/4	Fabulous Foxes	Mrs Masterson	Mrs Peach
	Year 3/4	Marvellous Meerkats	Miss Jones	Mrs Harnett Mrs Beard

Home Learning

The families who are not eligible to return to school or who's parents chose to continue to remain at home, the learning continues to be provided through accessing the school website.

We are so please so see how a lot of families have engaged with this facility, please follow us on twitter to see the children's achievements.

Keep sending the photos in via the Homework emails - we love to see the fun and progress children are making at home.

Thank you.

Year 4 Transition

As the end of the academic year is approaching, we are now in the depths of the transition period from first school to middle school.

So far you will have received:

- A letter from your chosen middle school.
- Images or videos of the school including introductions to key members of staff and class teachers.
- Letters or videos of reassurance from a pupil at your chosen middle school.

More information from middle schools is still to come including FAQ documents. We understand the transition circumstances are currently far from ideal but both schools are working extremely hard to make the transition process as reassuring for the children as possible.

Key Workers

Alongside our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils returning to school we do also have provision for children of keyworkers. As more parents return to work we appreciate the increased need you may well now have for childcare care for your children. However at the moment we can only take children whose parents are from the following list.

Health and Social Care e.g. NHS, social care and medical supplies etc

Education and Childcare- e.g. nurseries, schools and social work

Key Public Services such as e.g. the justice system and religious staff

Local and National Government e.g. overseeing benefits etc

Food and other necessary goods e.g. production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery

Public Safety and National Security e.g. police, armed forces, fire, prison and probation

Transport e.g. air, water, road and rail workers.

Utilities, Communication and Financial Services e.g. banking, oil, gas, electricity, water, IT, postal services and waste disposal.

For further details please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Free School Meals

We are very aware that during this difficult time your circumstances may well have changed and this may now mean your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals. So we have listed the criteria below and also encourage you to go to www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check if you are eligible.

Current eligibility criteria are if you are in receipt of:

income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you now believe your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals contact us immediately via office@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk and we will support you to apply and arrange for a weekly food hamper to be available to you.