



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Current Covid-19 Restrictions



While the infection rate across the city remains high, we have measures in place to continue to support our school community. We are continuing to limit entry into school and ask all parents and carers to remain outside of the building unless attending for pre-arranged meetings. **Face coverings must be worn** (unless medically exempt) and hand sanitizer used if you are entering the building. Please ring through to the main reception if you need to leave a message or

have a question. We will then answer and deal with your query. Please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class if there is no answer. If your child is late and you are dropping them at Reception, please wait **outside** the sliding doors (with your mask) and a member of our Admin team will sign in your child and let them into the school building.

New guidance from Government regarding COVID 19 (from MAT update from 13.1.22)

From 11 January in England, people who receive **positive lateral flow device (LFD) test** results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be **required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test**. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

From Monday 17th January in England, isolation periods for those who have tested positive will change:

Individuals now need to isolate for a full five days and may now take tests from **day 5 and day 6 of their self-isolation period (if they are well)**. Those who receive two negative test results (LFD) are no longer required to complete 10 days of self-isolation but can leave isolation from the start of day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the isolation period and tests must be taken at **least 24hrs apart**.

Parent Session

Do you want to find out more about child development?

Do you want to find out what your child's behaviour means and where it is coming from?

Do you want to meet with other parents to share ideas and information?

Please join Mrs O'Brien virtually on **Tuesday 8th February at 1pm**.

Please register your interest with the office by emailing:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk (please add **parent session** into the subject box)



Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class and the winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 21,336 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 514,180 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 351,190 words

Well done to those classes!



CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



Attendance For Week Ending 7th January 2022

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to Tamar KS1 and
Clyde KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	99.5%
Lynher	99.0%
Fowey	97.6%
Avon	87.9%
Thames	94.4%
Severn	95.2%
Medway	94.6%
Trent	81.9%
Lagan	94.2%
Clyde	98.0%
Mersey	94.4%
Tyne	92.9%
Wye	88.1%

School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.



Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."



StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

REMINDER -

Notice of Works - Pendeen Crescent/Southway Drive

Please see the information below received from Plymouth Highways. Whilst the works shouldn't impact greatly on school drop-off and pick-up times please take extra care when walking to and from school:

*Please be advised that, circumstances and weather permitting, SWH will be undertaking essential footway maintenance works on behalf of Plymouth City Council, over 3 days from **Thursday 13th January to Monday 17th January 2022, between the hours of 09:30 to 15:00.***

These pedestrian crossing works will be carried out under three-way traffic lights on Southway Drive at the east junction with Pendeen Crescent. The lights will be manually controlled if required and will be in operation for the above times only. Please note that bus stop access will be maintained and a pedestrian diversion will be in place.

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July

HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022
Fri 21st Oct
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct
Fri 25th Nov
Fri 16th Dec
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023
Tue 3rd Jan 2023
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb
Mon 20th Feb
Fri 31st Mar
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April
Mon 17th April
Mon 1st May
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun
Fri 23rd Jun
Tue 25th Jul
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am
School finishes 3:15pm
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
Bank Hol
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS START

Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will log/get back to you. Alternatively, email oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk
Thank you.

Newsletter Ideas



If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk



Have a lovely weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School