

King's Oak Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a particularly challenging week at school this week. Covid cases have increased dramatically in school which has meant that we have had to ask many classes and year groups to isolate and move to remote learning. One of the biggest challenges we are having is that we are running on a skeleton staffing structure due to many staff having to isolate. We would like to thank all of our parents and children for your continued support through this. This is not the end to the school year we had hoped for, for the staff or the children and their families. Our children have missed out on too much, however we have to follow advice given to us by Public Health.

On Monday 19th July, you will be aware that the rules around isolation and bubble closures are changing. Due to our high rates of the virus, Public Health have asked that we continue to support them in the track and trace of close contacts. We will therefore ask that any close contact of a positive case from Monday move to remote learning so that we can avoid any further spread in school. It is up to parents to then decide if their child is allowed to mix with others out of school hours.

It is important to note that although these rules change on Monday, all closures from this week are asked to complete the 10 day isolation period, so this does not change.

Transition Day

It was so lovely to be able to see the children enjoying themselves with their new teachers on transition day on Monday. Children across the school were enjoying a range of activities such as art, team building, discussions on aspirations for next year and a range of other activities. Well done to all of our fantastic children and thank you to our brilliant staff for making it so much fun!

Sports Day

The children had a great time at their Sports Days this week - it was great to hear them cheering each other on even from the school building! A big thank you to Mr Barker for organising this across the school.

September Arrangements

We have decided that in September we will continue with staggered start and finish times to support those parents with children in both King's and Oak sides. These will no longer need to be year group timings, but instead we will have one time for King's and one time for Oak. It is really important that you stick to these drop off and collection times. Learning begins as soon as the children enter school so it is important that you ensure your child arrives on time.

	Drop Off	Collection
King's Side	8.35am	3.10pm
Oak Side	8.40am	3.15pm
Nursery (morning session)	8.45am - 9am	11.30am - 11.45am
Nursery (afternoon session)	12.30pm - 12.45pm	3.15pm - 3.30pm

School Jotter

Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to School Jotter. There are, however, still many who have not yet done this - **please follow the instructions on the last page of the newsletter to do this.**



School Meals

We are now looking to move the ordering of school meals online and linking this process to the 'School Jotter' app. Please see the message below from Relish:

We are pleased to also announce that we have a special login area called the 'Parent Portal' on our website where you can login to pre order your child(s) menu choice up to a term in advance. You can also view and download our menus and recipes, see what forthcoming events are planned, look at allergen information and directly message the catering manager.

To set up your parent account, simply go to the link below:

<https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents>

Once complete, we will send you a message or email so you can activate your account which will keep us in touch with you until the end of school!

Your Relish Parent Portal account will link directly with your Parentpay account where you pay for school meals, Free School Meal and Universal Free School are still required to register.

Kind regards

Lee Yard

Regional Manager

Relish School Food Ltd

Covid Signs

As a reminder to everyone, the main symptoms and signs of Covid 19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

As well as these, early warning signs include, but are not exclusive to:

- Headache
- Upset stomach and/or stomach ache
- Sickness
- Runny nose (this is a new reported symptom, more common with the Delta variant)
- Feeling achy
- Extreme tiredness

If your child, or a member of the household are showing any of these symptoms, it is really important that the household isolates and the person showing symptoms accesses a PCR test. If this comes back positive, all who have been in contact with the positive person will need to access a PCR test.

Dates for your diary:

19th July - Reports out

Thursday 22nd July - last day of term

As always, if you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of the senior leadership team, please see one of us at the start or end of the school day, or speak to the school office who will make an appointment.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Rob Morley-Smith and Abby McStraw

Heads of School

Your school has the School Jotter app! Check it out!

Why should I download the app?

This innovative app keeps parents engaged by sending all the essential information straight to your phone. You will have access to regularly updated information:



News

Keep up to date with the very latest items

Calendar

Term dates, important events and parents evenings

Newsletter

Get newsletters from your school instantly

Galleries

Access photos shared by school

Notices

Push notifications for urgent messages and reminders

Contacts

See who to contact and how

Maps

List of useful locations of sports events or school trips

Everything in one app!

How do I download the app?

Android users

Go to Google Play, search for **School Jotter** or scan the QR code.



iOS users

Go to App Store and search for **School Jotter** or scan the QR code.

