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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support in getting all pupils back into school safely over the past few weeks. All of us are committed to providing the best education possible for your child, while securing the health and safety of our whole school community. Thank you for continuing to follow public health guidelines and encouraging your children to do the same.

You are already aware of the steps we have put in place to ensure the safe return of all pupils to school. We know that you will be keen to understand the impact that we have had in our first weeks of the term, and what our plans are to ensure all pupils catch up with any missed learning, and what will happen if a pupil or pupil is asked to stay at home over the coming months.

That is why I am writing to you today in order to keep you fully informed. This letter will also be published openly on our website and is being sent to our governors.

Thank you for your support in these challenging times. Please remember to follow both the schools and public health guidance to keep everyone learning safely.

Kind regards,

Gudrun Osborn
Principal



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School Day	<p>Drop off times: KS2 – 8.45am EYFS/KS1 – 8.55am</p> <p>Pick up times: EYFS/KS1 – 3.05pm KS2 – 3.15pm</p> <p>Play and lunch times are staggered throughout the day.</p> <p>Sports clubs are running at lunch times and after school. We are unable to provide mixed clubs for bubbles.</p>
Attendance	<p>Attendance figures were initially down this year due to many children having developed seasonal colds and coughs on their return to school. Attendance is now fairly consistent, although is slightly lower compared to the same time period last year.</p> <p>September/ October 2019 – average of 96.35% attendance</p> <p>September/October 2020 – average of 95.74% attendance</p>
Coverage of the curriculum	<p>The Recovery Curriculum was implemented at the beginning of September which focused on health and well-being after lockdown. Alongside this curriculum, academic assessments captured the baseline for Reading, Writing, Spelling and aspects of Maths. These baseline assessments will inform future planning for whole class, small group and individual learning. Class teachers will share this information in early November at parents' consultation meetings which will happen by telephone.</p> <p>All aspects of the curriculum are being taught and everyone is receiving a broad and balanced curriculum. Teaching and learning is addressing gaps, whilst ensuring new curriculum content is being covered.</p>
Home Learning	<p>In the event that your child has to self-isolate or is at home waiting for a test result, online learning will be posted on their Seesaw account. In the first instance, please hear your child read, practise their spellings and complete My Maths and SPAG.com activities as set. Oak National Academy has a detailed curriculum for different year groups. A class timetable will be posted on Seesaw to enable you to track lessons and activities for the day. It will not be possible to provide personalised learning for every child. If your child is struggling to access this, please contact the school office.</p>

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Blended Learning

In the event that the school closes or a class is asked to self-isolate, children will access online learning through Seesaw and Microsoft TEAMS as directed by their teacher. Every child has a Seesaw and a Microsoft TEAMS login. Please watch the following YouTube video from Excalibur for instructions on how to access Microsoft TEAMS. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l14MWTXz-aE>

This will enable teaching staff to stream videos, upload recorded lessons and power points throughout the day. All live lessons on TEAMS will be recorded to safeguard children and staff.

In EYFS/KS1, daily home learning will be supported closely by videos and recorded inputs by the class teacher. In KS2, daily home learning will involve an element of online live sessions with the class teacher. See below for our home learning daily timetable.

Class teachers will lead the learning for their class but this is dependent on personal health. In the event that the class teacher is unwell, live sessions will not be guaranteed

Unless unwell, all children will be expected to attend online learning sessions and complete the tasks set. Please refer to the attendance policy for further clarification. Children will be asked to sign in using the chat function on Microsoft TEAMS at the beginning of a live session. The school will contact parents if there is no evidence of home learning and any barriers discussed with parents on a case by case basis.

Children will receive support if access to IT is a problem: this may include the loan of equipment.

Throughout the duration you will be able to communicate with staff via Seesaw. Please be mindful that teachers will still be planning, uploading and delivering lessons. If you require a quick response please notify the office of your concern either by ringing or via letters@oare.excalibur.org.uk. Please respect the time of day that you send emails and notifications.

The school has had to review many policies with the introduction of an online blended home learning approach. These will be available to read on the school website.

School will hold a list of pupils/families that are unable to access online resources. Work packs will be provided and weekly telephone contact made to provide support for pupils and parents.

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Mental health and wellbeing	Staff will communicate via Seesaw, Microsoft TEAMS and phone calls to check the well-being of all. As you are aware, home learning can be challenging, but if you need any support then we are here to help.
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Home Learning Daily Timetable

Please note that the timings of the live TEAMS sessions may vary very slightly from class to class to ensure all year groups are catered for, including a Show and Tell session for Skylark Class.

The weekly timetable will detail this information for parents.

Time	Activity	
9am	Meet and Greet live on TEAMS. Feedback and catch up session.	Class teacher
9.15am	Maths – Can Do maths, narrated PPT or recorded lesson.	Class Teacher
	Maths independent Task	Pupils
10.15am	Independent reading or spelling task as set by class teacher that day.	Pupils
10.45am	Break	
11.00am	English – Write Stuff modelled write or independent write, narrated PPT or recorded lesson.	Class teacher
	Writing Independent task	Pupils
12pm	Lunch	
1.00pm	Blocked foundation subject activity – narrated power point or recorded lesson	Class teacher
	Independent task	Pupils
2.00pm	PSHE – narrated power point or recorded lesson	Staff
	Independent task	Pupils
2.50pm	Class book and end of day – live on TEAMS (WOWs on Friday)	Staff

Pre-recorded worships:

Monday pm – Open the Book worship

Wednesday pm – Pre-recorded virtual whole school worship based on the value of the term.

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