

It has been a lovely start to the final part of the year. It has been really heartwarming to hear the sound of children having fun in the summer sunshine throughout the day. **Please remember to send your child to school wearing sun cream and with a hat and water bottle for the remainder of the term.**



I know you will all share our disappointment in the announcement that the lifting of restrictions is to be delayed. Whilst it is vital that we continue to play our part in trying to prevent infection rates rising further, we had hoped to be able to remove some of the preventative measures towards the end of the year. This will now not be the case. We were advised by the DfE yesterday that we should keep all current measures in place until further notice. Please see the Transition Section on the following page to read about our revised plans for transition for children coming into Year 3, moving to new classes in school, and for children leaving for secondary school.

I have included dates for Sports Day on the dates page—this will have to be carried out in bubbles so, for safety reasons, will not be open for parents and carers to attend this year sadly.

Mr O'Donnell has sent home information about our Wannabe Day—a sponsored event on 9th July. Children will be sponsored to stay in character all day – moving, acting and speaking like their chosen person! It's been a few years since our last one but we had a wonderful day and can't wait to see who the children decide to be this year!

WANNABE

Mr Kettle took a girls' football team made up of girls from the Class 12 bubble to Repton Prep on Wednesday afternoon. The game finished 7-1 to Repton; the girls played really well on what was a very hot afternoon and represented the school brilliantly. ☺

Mrs J Hill

Face Coverings on School Site

In line with government guidance on groups gathering outdoors, we will no longer be asking that you wear face coverings when entering the site to drop off and collect your children unless you are approaching staff on the door to speak to them. Please feel free to choose to continue to wear a face covering while in the jitty, where it is more difficult to maintain 2 metre distancing, and on school grounds if that makes you more comfortable. Please still keep socially distanced from other households where possible as you move round site.



Transition

We have been advised that transition planning cannot compromise our current bubbles, or those of children coming from different schools. Due to this, we have taken the decision to pencil in a transition day where we will welcome our new Year 3 pupils to school on Monday 19th July, when restrictions are due to be lifted. Children currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 will also meet their new class teachers on the same day.

Class 1 will be moving to Class 4—Miss Lloyd
Class 2 will be moving to Class 5—Mrs Aujla
Class 3 will be moving to Class 6—Ms Hallam
Class 4 will be moving to Class 8—Mr Evans
Class 5 will be moving to Class 9—Mrs O'Donnell
Class 6 will be moving to Class 7—Miss Gallagher
Class 7 will be moving to Class 11—Mr Chapman
Class 8 will be moving to Class 10—Mrs Trimbee
Class 9 will be moving to Class 12—Mr Kettle



We have had confirmation from the Secondary Transition Group that the transition days on 6th-8th July will no longer be taking place. We await information from the different destination schools for our children and will update you as soon as we hear anything. If you have any questions, please let us know or contact your child's secondary school directly.

Prefects

Mr O'Donnell has visited classrooms and announced our final set of prefects for this year. Congratulations to the following children for managing to stand out amongst your fantastic classmates since lockdown!

Class 1—Yousuf
Class 2—Akhil
Class 3—Lacey
Class 4—Rayyan
Class 5—Jovhan
Class 6—Eliana



Class 7—Ava
Class 8—Sukaina
Class 9—Hanar
Class 10—Joshua TB
Class 11—Theo W
Class 12—Jayden

Before & After School Provision

Please remember that the provision in the school hall is only for children who have siblings with earlier drop off or later collection times at Gayton or Ridgeway. **We are sorry, but we CANNOT provide safe childcare for children who do not meet this criteria without risking bubbles crossing.**

Sorry...

Before School: There are still a number of children being dropped off early following lockdown—please note this provision was for lockdown only—we cannot continue to maintain this provision now everyone is back at school. Breakfast Club at Ridgeway is now running again so we ask that you please make alternative arrangements in the mornings for your child. Further details about Breakfast Club can be found in the COVID section of the school website.

After School: We are finding increasing numbers of children coming up to the hall because their parents are late collecting them. Please make sure you are arriving on time to collect your child each evening. Finish times remain the same and will not change before the summer holiday.

Children With Phones and Social Media

Please could we ask all parents of children with mobile phones to make sure they are aware of the age restrictions for the various social media platforms. The reason these platforms have (inadequately enforced) age restrictions is that many children do not have the emotional maturity to use them appropriately. We are aware that some children in school have set up WhatsApp groups and there has been a spate of unpleasant messaging between children outside school. Please ensure you monitor your child's use of their phone and any messaging or use of social media that takes place if you have chosen to allow this.

Platforms for 13+



TikTok



Instagram



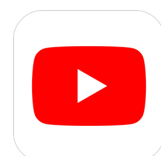
Facebook



Snapchat



Twitter



YouTube



Houseparty



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Discord

Platforms for 16+



WhatsApp

Oaklands Cubs

Oaklands Cubs Under 11s are looking for a couple of unattached Year 5 defenders to join their team for the 2021/22 season (9-a-side).

The team plays in the Derby Junior Football League: games are on Sundays and training is in Littleover on Tuesdays (moving to Thursdays at the Racecourse during the winter).

If you are interested, please contact them via their Facebook page (facebook.com/OaklandsFC).



KEY DATES 2020-21

Thursday 15th July	AM	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 16th July	AM	Upper School Sports Day
Monday 19th July	All Day	Provisional Transition Day in School
Thursday 22nd July	All Day	Treat Day
Thursday 22nd July	TBC	Break Up for Summer

TERM DATES 2021-22

Thursday 2nd September & Friday 3rd September	All Day	INSETs 1 & 2
Monday 6th September	AM	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 22nd October	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1st November	All Day	INSET 3
Tuesday 2nd November	AM	Back to School
Wednesday 22nd December	PM	Break up for Christmas
Thursday 23rd December	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 10th January	AM	Back to School
Friday 18th February	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 28th February	AM	Back to School
Thursday 7th April	PM	Break up for Easter Holiday
Friday 8th April	All Day	INSET 5
Monday 25th April	AM	Back to School
Monday 2nd May	All Day	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 9th-Friday 13th May	Mornings	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 27th May	PM	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6th June	AM	Back to School
Thursday 22nd July	PM	Break up for Summer Holiday