



Overdale C.P Primary School

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‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’

Thank you

First of all, a huge thank you for your continued support with all things Overdale School. Particularly for your recent support with the parent survey that was completed. This allows us to get a real snapshot of where we are as a school and the potential improvements we could put in place to further improve the educational offer your children receive.

A huge thank you for your support with our fundraisers also. We recently held a governor’s meeting where it was decided that the funds raised would go towards two huge projects in school. EYFS will be acquiring a new playground in Easter and half of the funds raised will go towards this, whilst KS2 will be purchasing over 50 Chromebooks to support learning further and bring Overdale into the modern world when it comes to access to technology. This decision was made as it was felt that this would benefit the whole school and this funding would allow all parents and children to see physical improvements that are a direct result of fundraising.

Finally, thank you for supporting with the parking issues outside of school and sending the school messages and updates as to how parents are perhaps abusing the turning circle arrangement and making this a dangerous place for children to be crossing. School are currently contacting the council and police to try to address the parking.

Diary Dates

See our term information for important dates

INSET DAYS



Term dates

<https://overdalecps.co.uk/w3/termdates.php>

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 22nd
April 2025

Monday 21st
July 2025

Year 6 Residential

1st – 4th April

Year 4 Residential

25th – 27th June



Attendance

Whole school attendance has taken a dip recently, which is to be expected due to the winter bugs and viruses doing the rounds. Please can I remind you to visit the NHS website (link below) if you are ever unsure as to whether to send your child into school. [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) – despite this it is still looking good at 95.6% with the national average being 96% we are exceptionally close.

As mentioned on dojo too, please try and make appointments out of school time where possible. If the appointment is for yourself or for the child’s sibling, please try to arrange someone else to drop them off/pick them up from school as normal as we cannot authorise them being absent for this.

Please call the school office before 9.30am to report your child’s absence from school.

And finally – please ensure your child/ren arrives to school on time as being late can also impact attendance. The school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am.

We are currently working hard on a new attendance notice board in the main hall to celebrate those classes who are achieving excellent attendance. We have also purchased some new little rewards for those children with excellent attendance and most improved attendance.

50 things

School is pressing on with the 50 things in school to ensure that our children are given opportunity to engage in activities that provide them with lifelong memories and learning experiences outside the classroom. Children have built a snowman and have been a Rockstar for a day. Reception are now planning to grow their own vegetables and we are excited to keep organising these activities for the children of Overdale School.



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Don't forget to follow the QR code and download the NHS Happymind Parent App.

Our Happiness Heroes have been set a mission to help everyone get involved in games on the playground. The games they have picked have needed everyone to practise using their 'active listening' skills and their ability to 'stop, understand and consider'.

They have done fantastic job so far and we are so proud of them!

Each month the Happiness Heroes will share some updates and top tips on our Newsletter :)



NO PARKING

Car Parking

Can I please remind you not to endanger our children by parking on the turning circle and on the double yellow lines? These are in place to allow children to have a clear view of cars that are coming before they decide to cross the road. There is not enough parking at school to address the number of children and we are aware of that but this is the same with every school in Scarborough. A reminder that school has two streets that lead into it which allows for parking on these streets and walking. There is also the option of walking from home or your child using their bike or scooter and being able to access the front of school through the gates. We will be liaising with the council and the police to ask if further support can be provided to prevent dangerous parking.



Jays Cycling club

A reminder of our amazing team up with Jays cycling. Jay is currently doing Key Stage 2 cycling club after school on a Monday, a cycling session open to the whole community on a Thursday night at 6-7pm and a Saturday session for young children to learn to ride in the hall 10:30am-12pm. Further details can be found on Jay's cycling page.

Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing school uniform at all times. Our uniform policy can be found on our website. Overdale prides itself on our work around ensuring that children feel like they belong and are a part of our school family. Having them dressed differently to others makes this difficult.

We have a supply of spare uniform within school and are hoping to begin a 'Uniform Swap Shop' where parents and carers will be able to come in and drop off old uniform that has been grown out of and trade for the next size up.

If you do require any items of uniform please enquire at the school office and we will see if we can help with the needed items.



Boxall/ Nurture updates

Children accessing nurture groups this term have worked hard at building their social skills, self-esteem and self-confidence.

We are so proud of how hard the children have worked within their groups and the progress they have made. Well done!



Occupational health links

Let's Make Sense Together is a virtual service that has been developed by our Occupational Therapists for York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It is part of our sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.

Please use the QR code or link below to access our free advice and further details on how to access our service.

www.yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/introduction-to-childrens-therapies

NHS
York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals have produced a range of videos to help parents who support children and young people with sensory processing differences.

Summer Fayre

Summer Fayre will be held on 21st June to celebrate all things Overdale and its community. We had a fantastic time last year and lots of money was raised. We hope to release information soon as to how to book and purchase a stall but please put this date in the diary as it was a fantastic opportunity to see all of our families and have a great time.



Residentials

As a school, we are huge supporters of children's residentials and the many life skills that these teach the children. Children who attend residentials are likely to grow in independence and social skills whilst learning in a new, outdoor environment in which they can thrive. During their time at Overdale School, children will have the opportunity to attend three residentials. In the next year our year 4's will be attending East Barnby, our current year 6's will be travelling to London and our current year 5's will be going to Bewerley Park. We intend to keep thinking of different and exciting opportunities for the children to experience throughout their time at school.

Full payment for the London trip is due by the end of March, if you have any issues or questions please contact the school office.

East Barnby payments are now live on ParentPay in order to pay the full balance before the trip in June.

There will be a parent's information meeting about East Barnby nearer to the time.



Are you concerned about a child at our school?

If you are worried about a pupil's wellbeing, please share your concerns with a designated Safeguarding officer without delay.



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Mr R Bowman
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Mrs K McWilliams
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Mrs A Campbell
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