



# Overdale C.P Primary School

## October 2021 – Newsletter 2 ‘Respect, Responsibility, Resilience’

### Attendance

Our attendance for the first 3 weeks is lower than usual at the start of the school year, presently 91.82%. We know that some children have been unwell and we appreciate children being kept at home when they are ill as this enables other children and staff to stay well.

We have also experienced more staff absence than usual due to the virus and this has created its challenges. However, we are almost back to a full staff and are hopeful that this will continue going forward.

### First month

We have enjoyed many successes and overcome some challenges, which is a great start to living in our new school environment. The children are settled and happy in their new classes and working well for their new teachers. We are very proud of the way the children have managed the ‘changes’ with the support of the staff team.

It has been a joy to have assemblies, lunchtimes and playtimes together. We have also been able to have sports coaches and music tuition in school. Our Year 6 children have started their weekly swimming session at ‘Everyone Active’ and we are looking forward to booking a Residential visit for them in the Summer Term. We are hoping to invite parents to Christmas performances and concerts too!

Our school day timetables are now in place and most routines within the school day are set. To achieve this we have had to sustain a flexible and cooperative approach to school life and work as a team. Our building has had some initial ‘functioning’ problems and these are being addressed and will continue to be addressed as we settle into our amazing new environment.

If you have any worries, please contact your new teacher or Senior Leader via Dojo’s or telephone the school office, the number has not changed (01723) 582360. The school office is open from 8.30am until 3.45pm.

### Diary Dates

#### INSET DAYS

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### Flu Vaccines

##### In School

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct

##### School

##### Photographs

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

##### Parent

##### consultations

November - days  
and times to follow



## Entry into school

We continue to be aware that drop off and collection times are a concern. We are working with the Highways authority to speed up the processes that need to happen before our 'safe path to school' can be put into place.

### Longer term

The road outside school will be a bus lane with access to Jazz Court and Overdale school only with 20mph speed limit.

The safe access path will be in place and KS1 and KS2 children will use this to access school on an 'open gate' process rather than a controlled access, as the children will be going into the playground (safe BIG space) and lining up to go to classes.

We are talking to the Highways and the LA weekly to ensure this moves forward in a timely manner.

### Turning circle

Vehicle drivers will know that a turning circle is ONLY to be used for TURNING your vehicle direction and drop off a child / children at the start of the day. Any other use of the provision is ILLEGAL.

We are shocked and concerned to see parents parking on the turning circle. This has caused the school delivery drivers to turn around and not deliver the school meal provisions. On two occasions the drivers have not returned until 11am and this has made it challenging for the catering services to have school dinner's ready on time. In addition to this, the drivers have told us that our parents have responded to them with unpleasant comments and dismissive comments; and that Overdale children have witnessed these responses. **For the safety of our children - please do not park illegally on the turning circle.**

If you think you have an exception to this and require support with drop off and collections please call the school office and arrange a meeting with us, so that we can agree a personalised plan.

We hope to open the EY car park after half term but this will be a trial and dependent on safe and access and exit of parent vehicle drivers. A holding time whilst children on foot leave the area will be put in place. More details will follow when the plan is finalised.

The bike sheds will be open after half term too.



### Free book bag for every child.

**These have now been issued to every child. Please ensure your child brings a book home regularly and reads regularly at home. We would very much appreciate it if you could date and sign their reading log when they have read at home. Dojo's will be awarded for this.**

PE T-shirt's can now be purchased from [www.edgeclothing.co.uk](http://www.edgeclothing.co.uk) or [embroidery@identity.co.uk](mailto:embroidery@identity.co.uk) along with all other uniform.



## Earrings

These cannot be worn for PE / Games or swimming lessons. Please leave them at home on the allocated days if possible.

## Parent visits to school

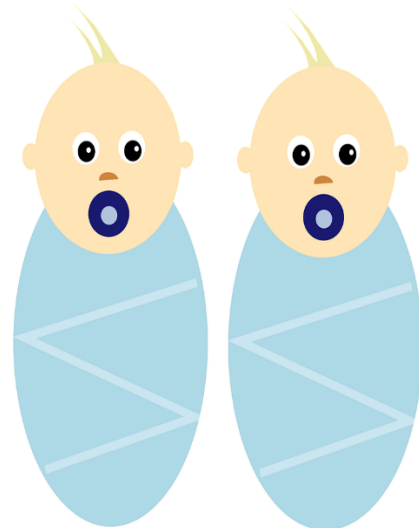
We are hoping to invite parents from every year group into school to 'look around' our fabulous new building and to see their child's class. We have managed this for Early Years parents this week and hope to continue the invites throughout the term – staff wellness permitting. Watch for your invite on Dojo's from your class teacher.

## Staffing for September 2021

We have had some changes to the Year 4 teaching. We have now appointed Miss Hammonds and she will be teaching Year 4 alongside Mr Watson to cover Mrs Mills whilst she is on maternity leave.

Mrs Mills has been screening the children across school for Speech Link interventions, you will be notified if your child requires this interventions. Mrs Mills will work to the half term and then rest at home until her baby twins arrive towards the end of the year, or possible early into 2022.

We wish Mrs Mills happiness with her new family additions and look forward to seeing her back in class and meeting her babies in school.



Adult learning with Lucy is starting back up again  
This will take place in our new community room at Overdale  
School and it is **FREE!!!**

All parents/carers are welcome to come along for a taster  
session on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9am-11am**

Once enrolled the sessions will be every **Thursday - 9am  
and until 11am**

These sessions may include learning time with your child,  
Arts, crafts and textiles. All of which could lead on to an  
accredited qualification. These sessions will be full of fun  
and laughter and will include tea, coffee and snacks while  
you learn and enjoy.



## **Allergens in school.**

We are a nut aware school and we have children in school who are HIGHLY allergic to nuts. Please support us in keeping the child safe by not sending nuts into school in packed lunches.

Chocolate spreads can contain nuts please understand that we need to check this with parents on occasions to protect our allergen child.

If your child has a food allergen, you will now have a school menu agreed with North Yorkshire County Caterers setting out the personalised provision for your child. If your child has allergens and this has not happened please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If your child develops allergens please tell us know as soon as possible so that we can make menu provisions for them.

Annual Parent/Carers Christmas  
Shopping Trip to Monks  
Cross/Primark- including lunch at  
Pear Tree Farm - Dining & Carvery

This will take place in  
December, and Mrs Welford-Hall  
will be organising it.  
The trip will be during the school  
day.

## **Parent Consultation meetings**

We hope to host these on school site shortly after half term, Covid infection rates are the only reason this would not happen. If we can go ahead on site, appointments will be put up on Teacher2parents text service, at the end of term, if we are unable to host them on site we will arrange a personal telephone call with your child's teacher at an agreed time.

*Best Wishes -  
All Staff at Overdale School*



## OVERDALE C P SCHOOL - MENU

	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Beef burger in a bun Diced Potatoes Peas & Carrots ~~ Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Diced Potatoes Sweetcorn & Green Beans ~~ Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Korma & Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Naan Bread ~~ Oat Cookie	Pasta Bolognaise Garlic Bread Sweetcorn & Coleslaw ~~ Shortcake
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast loin of Pork Creamy Mash, Gravy Carrots & Green Beans ~~ Fresh fruit/Yoghurt	Roast Chicken & Stuffing New Potatoes, Gravy Carrots & Broccoli ~~ Treacle Sponge and Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Minced Beef & Dumplings Roast Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn ~~ Chocolate Cake & Custard	Sausage, & Yorkshire Pudding Creamy Mash ,Medley of Vegetables ~~~ Fresh fruit/Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Ramsdens Battered Fish & Chips Beans & Sweetcorn Homemade Bread ~~ Chocolate Crispy	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas & Baked Beans Bread ~~~ Flapjack
<b>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt, Jacket Potatoes and a selection of sandwiches and salads available every day.</b>		
	<b>Week One</b>  Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Week Two</b>  Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October

