



Overdale C.P Primary School

September - Newsletter 2023 'Respect, Responsibility, Resilience'

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to school everybody. After an even wetter than usual summer, I hope you are all ready and excited to return to school. With this being my first year of headship at Overdale, I am very excited to get started and continue to make improvements to what is already a fantastic school. I intend to make this a school that parents and pupils are proud of and a place that children can make academic progress whilst creating lots of fun memories along the way. I am really looking forward to getting parents more involved and have many plans to make sure parents can have an input and be more involved in their children's time at Overdale so watch this space.

Diary Dates



Sept Term start for pupils
Tues 5th Sept 2024

INSET DAYS

Mon 6th Nov 2023
Mon 8th Jan 2024
Mon 8th Apr 2024
Monday 22nd July

Entry into school

KS1/KS2 – 08:40

The entry into school will remain the same. KS1 and KS2 Parents and children will wait down the side of the school building along the path and up to the green gate. Here, our SEMH and Health and Wellbeing lead Mrs McWilliams or a member of SLT will open the gate for the children and the classes, starting from year 6 and working backwards to year 3, will be called in. They will then make their way up to the playground and enter through their classroom door.

Children in key stage one will then be called in and the class teacher that they met on their transition days will be waiting for them at the end of the path. I understand that this may be a time that your child becomes upset after a long summer with their family, please be assured that we will support you to pass your child through the gate and we will do all we can to help them settle into their new classes.

EYFS -8.40am

Parents and children will walk through the Lower school gate, which is the one closest to 'Overdale' access to the estate. You will then walk to the gated entrance to the EYFS playground and walk through where you will be greeted by your class teachers Mrs Vasconcelos and Miss Wilson. Parents will then leave the school site by the same path.

11.45am

Parents of children who have attended Nursery for a morning session will receive their child from a member of the Nursery team at the Nursery School gate

Home time – 2.55pm

Reception and full time Nursery children will be collected by the parents who are asked to wait in the EYFS playground and listen for their child's name to be called so that they can collect.



Entry into school continued

KS1 Home time - 3.00pm

Key Stage 1 children will be handed out to their parents on the school playground. If your child is in year 1 or year 2, head up the path, accessed through the gate where children have been dropped off on a morning, and head up to the playground and stand outside your child's classroom. If you are unsure of where your child's class is, please wait on the playground and a member of SLT will be there to help you.

Key Stage 2

Home time - 3.05pm

Key Stage 2 children can leave school independently. Their teachers will walk them to the main gate and allow them to make their own way home or to their parent. Please use the letter sent out by the office to notify school if you are happy for your child to make their own way home.

Breakfast Club

7.50am

We will collect children attending Breakfast Club from the Main school gate, staff will lead them to the hall to be served and cared for until school starts.

Travel to school

I would encourage all parents and children to walk to school where possible. Where we are lucky to have a number of car parking spaces, these can soon be taken up.

Our neighbours are Jazz Court and they have a car park but it states that it is a PRIVATE CAR PARK and for the use of JAZZ COURT STAFF and RESIDENTS ONLY. Please observe these requests as we have a positive relationship with the staff there and wish to continue this into the future. Please do not park on the yellow lines on the turning circle. This prevents children crossing the road from seeing oncoming traffic. SLT will be available to keep our children safe and remind parents of our requests around parking.



Medicines

If your child uses an inhaler, they **MUST** bring it into school on Tuesday with them and you must complete an asthma form at the office. If your child has an epi pen or any other medical requirements, they will need to be in place for child to start school on Tuesday

Allergens in school

If your child has a food allergy and a meeting has not been conducted previously, we will be contacting you to attend a meeting with Mrs Campbell (Senco), and the catering services to review the food options and menu provisions we can offer in school. North Yorkshire County Caterers have reviewed their provision for children with allergies to ensure as many food options are made available to each child as is possible.

Staffing for September 2023

We are still hoping to see the number of pupils attending Overdale school in our two form entry classes grow, in order to allow us to fund having two teachers per year group. In the meantime we have created an EYFS unit and a split ½ class to ensure that adult to children ratios are adhered to and that we can continue to offer high levels of education and safeguarding to all pupils.

Class	Teacher	Learning support
EYFS Unit	Mrs Vasconcelos	Mrs Bateman
	Miss Wilson	Mrs Harvey Mrs Wood
Year 1	Mrs Stewart	Mrs Grant
		Mrs Cook
Year 1/2	Mrs Banyard	Mrs Thomas
		Mrs Parkinson
Year 2	Mrs Broadbent	Miss Lester
		Mrs Cook
Year 3	Mrs Bonnett	Mrs Lawton
Year 4FL	Mrs Mills	Miss Popowitsch
	Mrs Livingstone	Mrs Breaks
Year 4D	Mr Donald	Mrs O'Malley
Year 5	Mrs Hemingway	Miss Taylor
	Mrs Campbell	
	Mrs Kershaw	
Year 6	Mr Lawton	Mrs Meads
		Mrs Varley
SEMH/ Health and wellbeing lead	Mrs McWilliams	
Office manager	Miss Cammish	
Bursar	Mrs Hughes	
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Livingstone	
Senco	Miss Campbell	
Headteacher	Mr Bowman	

First week

This is a settling in and familiarisation time for the children. The children (and staff!) have 'new everything' to get used to! To help this process we will not be having Games or PE lessons and Year 6 will not be going swimming until the week after. Trophies will be awarded to each class weekly for demonstrating Respect and Resilience as well as good attendance as a class.

We know there will be some anxious times for our children (during the first week)but we are confident we can work through these as a team and that it is time for us to get started with our 2023 / 2024 learning plans. We look forward to your support with this process

If you have any worries, please contact your new teacher or Senior Leader via Dojo's or telephone the school office, the number is 01723 582360.

2 year old provision

Our application to become a 2 year old provision is going well. We aim to have this open in January to allow us time to ensure we are adequately staffed and have a high quality setting to welcome this age group. Further updates will be coming soon in relation to places etc. I know some have put their children's names forward already.



You asked, we listened

A number of parents have approached us to ask that we have more events for the children and the community where we can all come together, have some fun, and raise money. Overdale this year will be having a Christmas and summer fayre. We are hoping to hold an Easter Bingo night and introduce one or two children dress up days along the way to raise money for charities and for school trips. WE NEED YOUR HELP. We will be starting a Parents and Carers of Overdale Group (PCOG) whom of which will support us in organising and arranging fundraising for these events. There is also scope for this group to act on behalf of all parents and meet with SLT to suggest improvements to school life. If you are interested, please forward your name to the school office. This will then go out to a vote to all parents.

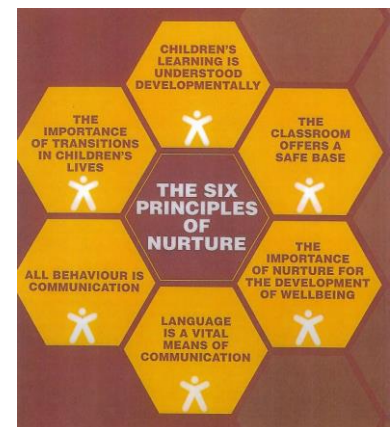


Nurture

We will continue to increase our understanding about the 6 principals of nurture and how this looks within our school.

The children will be discussing this within their classrooms and in nurture groups. We will also be adding information about each principle on DOJO to enable you to be able to discuss this with your child at home.

If you require any further information or have any questions around this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McWilliams who will be more than happy to help.



We look forward to welcoming our children back to Overdale school on Tuesday.

All Staff at Overdale School