



# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support this week. Attendance has been absolutely amazing (around 98%) and the children are looking very smart in full uniform.

A huge well done to all the children too. Despite some nerves and anxiety around coming back, all children are back in class, well settled and working hard. They have already adapted to the new normal and should be very proud of themselves!

## Twitter

We have set up new accounts for school twitter this year. Please follow your child's class and the [school account](#):

OPAD\_Nursery1  
OPAD\_Reception  
OPAD\_Year1  
OPAD\_Year2  
OPAD\_Year3\_  
OPAD\_Year4\_  
OPAD\_Year5\_  
OPAD\_Year6  
[OPA\\_Darfield](#)

To give your consent for your child's involvement on Twitter, please complete the following form ASAP:

<https://forms.gle/kbSqvL6AA87DDqFPA>

## The School Day

To ensure health and safety standards are maintained on school site, whilst also ensuring that all children are receiving their full entitlement to an education, can we please request that you stick to class start and end times.

Where you have siblings in school and the wait between times causes a problem, **you may drop all children off at the earliest time and collect at the latest.** Teachers are more than happy to accommodate this.

As lessons start straight away for children in a morning and do not end until five minutes before the end of the day, children who arrive late or leave early will be missing out on vital learning.

**Teachers will not be releasing children early from any of our classes.** If you do need to collect your child early (in special circumstances such as medical appointments etc) then as always, contact should be made with the school office (preferably by telephone) to arrange this.



This year we welcome a new Vice Principal to the Academy.  
**Mr Paul Foster.**



We have had some new playground equipment installed over the summer break. Over the next few weeks this will be used on a weekly basis so that each class gets to try it out.

At current the health and safety / risk assessment for this equipment has NOT been signed off. Therefore can we request that **you do not let your children play on this equipment at the start and end of the school day.**



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PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM AND COATS  
ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

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## Equipment

Please read the information below carefully as it provides more information on what your child should / should not be bringing to school.

### Daily Equipment

Children should bring the following items to school EVERY DAY:

- A water bottle (clearly labelled with their names).
- A coat (hat, scarf etc if cold weather).
- Their school reading book.

Children DO NOT need to bring a bag to school as all other equipment is provided in school.

### Reading Books

Children will be able to change their reading books twice a week if required. All books collected in will be quarantined for 72 hours before being given back out to anyone else.

Book bags may be used (and brought in to school) if desired. Any child who does not have a book bag will be provided with an A4 zipper wallet to transport their book between home and school.

*(We are awaiting delivery on these so please excuse us if there is a delay on these been given out)*

### PE

Where possible children will do PE outdoors. We are asking that all children (Y1-Y6) bring their PE kits in on a Monday morning and take them home on a Friday afternoon to reduce the amount of equipment being passed between home and school on a frequent basis.

Kits will need to be in a plastic carrier bag (as these hang easier in the cloakrooms) which is clearly labelled with the child's name and class. The bags can be reused every week and we are not disposing of these.

As PE will be mostly outdoors, kit should include the following:

- Black (or dark) leggings or jogger / tracksuit bottoms (preferably plain if possible).
- A purple PE top or a plain white t-shirt.
- Pumps or trainers (not expensive ones if possible).
- A none-hooded jumper of any colour (please avoid slogans, football teams where possible).

*From Monday, children may come on bikes or scooters but these must be pushed down the pathway and taken straight to the parking bay (and not taken in to the playground)*

## Lunch Arrangements

### Lunches from Home

Children bringing packed lunches from home may bring these in a usual lunch box. Please wipe this down at home as often as possible to maintain good hygiene.

### School Lunches

From Monday a hot meal service will resume. Children will still eat in their classrooms but the menu offers more options than what has been available since re-opening during Covid-19.

The menu can be viewed on the letters section of the school website.

## School Contact

We are not accepting unannounced visitors in to school at the moment. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please telephone in advance to make an appointment.

During the closure period, emails to the enquiries address were diverted directly to Miss Burnett. This will not be the case from Monday and any emails sent to the enquiries address will be checked every couple of days by a member of the admin team.

**If an immediate response is required, please telephone rather than email.**

Safeguarding Lead: \_\_\_\_\_