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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Whilst we continue living with the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope and trust that everyone in our school community remains well and safe. Daily, we continue to hear reports about schools reopening and there continues to be much media attention surrounding this issue. Following the Education Secretary's recent announcement about schools reopening, we know now that schools must still adopt and follow a 'cautious, phased return and no longer will all primary year groups return before the end of this summer term.'

Therefore, we have reviewed our schedule of days for Years Reception, 1 and 6 for the forthcoming 4 weeks leading up to the end of the term. Children will continue to work within 'bubbles' with up to 12 children in each. Key workers' children will work within bubbles of up to 15 in line with Government guidelines. We do kindly ask you to continue booking your child's place for each of your child's allocated periods as this helps us enormously with our planning of staffing, resources and equipment for children's learning – cleansed after each bubble's use.

From Monday 22nd June, the schedule is as follows:

Reception and Year 1

Children in Reception and Year 1 will work collaboratively in bubbles and we welcome you to book your child in on each of the scheduled 4-day periods:

Class RT Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th June

Class RT Monday 6th – Thursday 9th July

Class RH Monday 29th June – Thursday 2nd July

Class RH Monday 13th July – Thursday 16th July

Class 1T Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th June

Class 1T Monday 6th – Thursday 9th July

Class 1O Monday 29th June – Thursday 2nd July

Class 1O Monday 13th July – Thursday 16th July

Year 5

Having examined our school's capacity for classrooms and staffing, whilst remaining mindful of staff's safety and well-being, we would like to invite you to book your child in for a scheduled 4-day visit. It is imperative your child's place is reserved and all social distancing measures/ signage is adhered to whilst on our school premises. The scheduled 4 days will provide your child with an opportunity to meet with their new classteachers and to 'get a feel' for Year 6.

Class 5L Monday 6th – Thursday 9th July

Class 5B Monday 13th – Thursday 16th July

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Year 6

Again, working in bubbles of 12, Year 6's last 4 scheduled days will be as follows:

Class 6G Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th June

Class 6W Monday 29th June – Thursday 2nd July.

It is very strange to be writing in this manner about schedules and bubbles as we are always extremely keen to celebrate our Year 6 children's leaving and to mark this important rite of passage with several celebratory events. Unfortunately, given the restrictions we are all adhering to, we are unable to lead our usual events. I am very much aware that our 2020 Leavers will leave with many different memories – marred possibly by the COVID-19 pandemic - and will not embark upon the next stage of their learning journeys with the usual celebrations and commemorations; we feel desperately sad about this. We do wish them well however and trust they will continue their learning journeys at their respective secondary schools with their energy, enthusiasm and willingness in facing new learning challenges. Your child has been part of a super year group and you should be very proud of them.

Following Year 6's last scheduled days at Oak Meadow, your child will have the opportunity to either visit their new school in person or by virtual means – for at least one session. Wolverhampton secondary schools will be arranging virtual engagement activities and enrichment activity packs, including the 'Wonder' text to support their continued home learning. I await information from schools outside of Wolverhampton but I have been advised that secondary schools will be writing to you to update you on their plans very soon.

For the rest of our Oak Meadow family, we will continue to upload work to our website, www.oakmeadowsschool.co.uk representing the breadth of the National Curriculum and make available two-weekly packs of home learning in English and Mathematics for collection from the school's main foyer. In addition and as I have previously signposted, BBC Bitesize continues to support home learning in an interactive, engaging manner:

NEW BBC Bitesize Daily TV programmes returned to the BBC iPlayer and on the Red Button on Monday June 8th. And **Bitesize Daily online lessons are continuing** as normal with three lessons a day for Years 1-10.

We now have **schedules** for online lessons available **three weeks in advance**. Schedules for w/c June 15th, w/c June 22nd and w/c June 29th are available [here](#). And all lessons can be used whether children are learning at home or in school.

And we are also publishing **previews** of our online lessons a **few days ahead**, more when we can, to help with your forward planning.

Due to our broadcast schedule, the **Bitesize Daily TV programmes** will continue to be available on the **BBC iPlayer and Red Button** on the day.

Visit the **BBC Teach website** for a detailed guide to all Bitesize Daily content, including [advance schedules & previews of upcoming lessons](#)

Don't forget, **all** previous Bitesize Daily **online lessons** will be available on the **BBC Bitesize website** and all the **TV programmes** will remain on the [Bitesize section of the BBC iPlayer](#) for the next 12 months.

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As a school, we do empathise with all our children and families as many of you share with us stories of children missing their friends and school routines of lessons. However, we must continue to exercise caution as we continue living with the pandemic and follow all restrictions and guidelines stringently.

I will write again as the end of term approaches but in the meantime, I detail following our staffing for September and the class your child will be transferring to:

Current Year Group	Current Class	September's New Class Teacher	Current Class	September's New Class Teacher
Reception	RT Miss Thwaites	1T Miss Tomlinson	RH Miss Higgott	1B Miss Billingsley
Year 1	1O Miss O'Donovan	2H Miss Hague	1T Miss Tomlinson	2T Miss Tolley
Year 2	2B Miss Billingsley	3C Mr Clarkson	2H Miss Hague	3P Miss Parry
Year 3	3D Mr Dean	4B Miss Bates	3H Mrs Holmes/ Miss Parry	4F Miss Findlay
Year 4	4C Mr Clarkson	5CL Miss Challenor/ Mr Lane	4K Miss Kaur	5J Miss Johnston
Year 5	5L Mr Lane	6W Mrs Worrallo	5B Miss Bates	6G Mrs Brain

*Please note, there will be some changes to our current Reception classes as we have now used our knowledge of each child and their learning styles and needs to formulate two new classes. A separate letter will follow informing you of your child's new class and teacher.

For information, following staff members' weddings this year, Miss Higgott will become Mrs Bristow and Miss Gough, Mrs Brain. Mrs Holmes and Miss O'Donovan remain on maternity and will return during the school year.

We also welcome two new teachers to Oak Meadow: Miss Tolley and Miss Findlay and we say good-bye to Miss Kaur who will leave us at the end of the school year to take up new employment in Shropshire following her wedding. We wish her well for the future and thank her for her contribution to our school.

We are nearing the end of this school year and I am sure it will remain memorable for all of us for lots of reasons: school closures; some children returning to school in 'bubbles'; stringent following of pathways and arrows; booking of children's places for scheduled days only and new ways of working for many of us. I do hope that in September, whilst there may be some school restrictions remaining, I hope for a new start to the year with all children returning and to welcome a new year group of children embarking on their learning journey at Oak Meadow. I remain resolutely proud of our school and the hard work of all staff, children, parents and carers and thank everyone for their continuing commitment to learning.

My very best wishes,

Mr Arnold.

