



Osborne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with real pleasure that I welcome you back to the new term and the start of a New Year. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that you have enjoyed the holidays and that you have all remained fit and healthy. You will be pleased to hear that the young people were extremely happy to be at school today and were very excited to share their Christmas and holiday stories with us.

As you know Covid continues to be part of our life and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who were able to carry out lateral flow tests prior to returning to school, we understand this is difficult and not possible to do on everyone. It really does help in reducing the spread, keeping everyone safe and healthy, and helps staff and students to remain in school. Pupils will be reminded to wash hands frequently and regular sanitising in the classrooms and communal areas will take place.

Guidance for Covid has been updated in relation to mask wearing and contacts of people with Covid.

- Staff and students are required to wear masks in all areas of the school including lesson time in the classrooms. Please can I ask that you encourage your young person to do this where possible.
- For those who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid you are still allowed to go about your daily business, but are strongly recommended to have a PCR test and take lateral flow tests each day for seven days. Please can I ask that you adhere to this.

This term I am sure will be a productive one. This week we have the re-launch of the school library and we will be seeing the opening of the new building for our Oskings provision towards the end of March. Further to this we also have our second parent forum/coffee morning on the 24 January at 10:00am, which I hope you will be able to attend. The focus will be on Transition for all year groups. Due to current guidance we will be holding this meeting remotely. Please complete the reply slip below if you wish to attend and we will provide you with further details nearer the time.

Until the 26 January, when the government are due to review the current guidance, all meetings, annual reviews etc will be held virtually. Thank you for your understanding with this and I look forward to hopefully seeing you in person at some point this term.

If you require this information in an alternative format please contact us

www.osborneschoolwinchester.com



Please continue to keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information of what is happening in school and the work that your young people are undertaking.

As always please do not hesitate in contacting the school or your class teacher should you have a query or require any support and we will endeavour to do whatever we can to help.

With best wishes



Sonia White
Headteacher

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Parent Forum/Coffee Morning

24 January 2022 at 10.00am

I will/will not be able to attend the Parent Forum/Coffee Morning on Monday 24 January 2022 at 10.00am.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer)

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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to welcome you all back to school for the new term in a new year.

It has been another slightly strange Christmas for us all. I hope you managed to share your time with family Covid free (or at least not too poorly if the virus did come knocking). It seems that we begin 2022 with Covid still at the forefront of our thoughts. However, although infections are rising people do not seem to be as badly affected and there does seem to be an air of optimism about things improving this year. We can only cross our fingers and hope.

Whatever is happening with Covid I know the staff at Osborne will do their utmost to ensure the students' needs are met in a safe, secure and fun environment. The Christmas performance was testament to the hard work of the staff and the joy was evident on the students' faces.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in school and perhaps meeting some of you at a parent forum.

Stay safe and keep well.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Chris Gayler

(Chair of Governors)