

Oldfield Brow Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Firstly I hope that you have all had a good holiday and are looking forward to 2021.

As I'm sure that you are aware, there has been much talk about the reopening of schools in January and in our case, that means tomorrow. Many of you will have watched and listened to the discussions that have filled the media over the past few days and the advice and opinions of politicians, providers and unions.

In the case of Oldfield Brow Primary School, and unless I receive further advice, we will open as planned tomorrow, 4th January.

The opening and pick-up times will be the same as during the Autumn Term, and for those who have a place booked, Breakfast Club and After-School Club will be on as normal. Please stick to these times accurately.

We ask all parents to now wear face masks when waiting at school unless exempt from doing so. Transmission of Covid to adults is the greatest concern and this is also why I have asked staff to wear face coverings if they feel fit within the school also. Children are not expected to wear face coverings at school.

Please re-emphasise the great importance of hand-washing to your children. And before school and after-school, please do not become part of the social chit-chat groups that have been seen around school. As it says on the posters, 'Child in school safely? Then go home safely!' All of these measures will play their part in doing all that can be done in keeping the school open.

Now, in January, we will still be wanting the children to have plenty of fresh air both in and outside of the classroom. Please make sure your child wears suitable warm clothing (the windows within school will be open) and sensible shoes for these wintry conditions

And in these changing times, please be aware that the symptoms of suspected Covid - temperature, cough, loss of smell or taste - still stand. If your child or anyone in your household shows these symptoms, PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY before sending your child into school. If you have any doubts, phone NHS on 111, look for NHS guidance on-line or contact the school. Similarly, anyone returning from abroad should make themselves aware of (and carry out) the suitable quarantine isolation before returning to school.

We want to keep our school open but most importantly, we want to keep our school safe. If everyone does what is needed to be done, we cannot do anything more. It is now up to everyone to continue to play their part for all our school community.

Take care, stay well and see you tomorrow.

R Merrell
Headteacher

