



SYWELL ROAD, OVERSTONE, NORTHAMPTON, NN6 OAG
Tel: (01604) 493861 email: head@overstone.northants-ecl.gov.uk
www.overstoneprimaryschool.org.uk

12th April 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break with your children. We certainly experienced a wide variety of weather conditions in a relatively small space of time!

As Covid restrictions begin to be lifted, it is important that we all remain vigilant and respect the safety of others as well as ourselves. We will continue with staggered school start and finish times. Please continue to wear face coverings in the playground and observe social distancing. The one way system is still in place so please enter via the pedestrian gate and leave via the vehicle gate. Please do not use either access point for turning your car as this endangers pupils and adults.

Pupils will now be allowed to use their school book bags if you are happy for them to do so. If you prefer, they can continue to use a wipeable plastic wallet. Book bags will be kept within class bubbles when in school. **Pupils in Key Stage 2** may use a small backpack if they have extra items which they need to bring on some days, eg football kit. Please make the bag as small as possible as again, all bags will need to be kept within the space used by that bubble of people.

Sponsored Event

Just a reminder that the FOOPS Sponsored Bounce will take place for your child during this week. You will be able to pay any sponsor money in via Parent Pay once the event is completed at the end of this week.

We do appreciate FOOPS' continued hard work during these challenging times. Every parent/carer is a member of FOOPS and whether you are helping to organise events or supporting them, your contributions are invaluable.

Communication

Communication between home and school is so important and this is particularly true during the pandemic as speaking to people face to face becomes more of a challenge.

We have had a few parents who have been unsure regarding school information so I just wanted to clarify our lines of communication. School information and newsletters are sent out via email. We do not currently have any parents/carers who do not have an email address so this is the most efficient method of communication between home and school. If you do not seem to be receiving school emails, please check your junk folder and adjust your settings so that they are received in your inbox. If there are still issues, please check with the office that we have your correct email address. Most newsletters can also be found on the school website and dates can be found on there too.

We use Parent hub for occasional reminders or announcements. This is an app which can be downloaded on your phone.



HEADTEACHER: MRS J MARDELL



As stated in the School Learning Contract, please address any concerns you may have directly with the school appropriately and respectfully and do not use social media sites to discuss any grievances. It is important that we are open and honest with each other as any negativity will ultimately impact on the school and the children within it. As a school, we cannot solve issues we are unaware of and it is important that a discussion takes place in order to ensure that everyone involved has full and accurate information.

You chose Overstone Primary School for your child and as a school, we will continue to do our very best to provide an excellent education for them in a safe and stimulating environment. We appreciate your support with this and it is certainly in the best interests of our children to work cooperatively; positive links between home and school are crucial.

Finally, we are hoping that some outdoor events may be possible this term. We will certainly hold a Sports Day and hopefully Rose Day too. Fingers crossed that you will be able to be come along and enjoy these activities with your children. In order for you to be able to plan time off work, etc, we have set a provisional date of **Friday June 25th for Rose Day** and **Friday July 9th for Sports Day**. (Friday 16th if it is raining on the 9th). Your attendance is obviously dependent on government restrictions but the dates may help with provisional plans!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "JMardell".

Mrs Janice Mardell
Head Teacher