

Oakbank School



Dear Parents

Thank you all for helping to make the return to school run so smoothly.

I have been extremely impressed with the way in which all students, from Year 7 to Year 11, have worked so well with us to make sure that the school is as Covid safe as it can possibly be. Please pass on our thanks and praise to your child/ren, they have been magnificent

There are a few issues that I would like to provide updates about:

NO DROP OFF OR PARKING IN SCHOOL CAR/SPORTS CENTRE CAR PARKS

I am very concerned about the safety of students from Y7 and Y9 as they enter and leave the school through the entrance by the sports centre.

I know that it is very tempting to drop your child off as close to school as possible but this is causing extreme congestion and raising the risk of an accident. As a consequence, at the beginning and end of the day **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CAR ONTO THE SCHOOL OR SPORTS CENTRE SITE**. I would encourage you to drop your child/ren some distance away and get them to walk the rest of the way to school

We will be introducing clearer path ways and crossings and have talked to the students about road safety and making sure they are being careful as they walk home, but it is crucial you play your part too

CYCLING

I am very pleased with the numbers of Oakbank students cycling to school but it is really important they stay safe.

- All Oakbank students who cycle to school must wear a helmet
- During the darker winter months' students must use working bicycle lights
- Students should walk their bike up and down Hyde End Lane

We are sharing this information with all students and it would be great if you could highlight it to your children too

UNIFORM

PE Kit

Students are expected to wear their PE kit into school on days that they have a PE lesson. They are also allowed to wear a plain, dark track suit, or jogging bottoms and jumper on PE days. **Students are not allowed to wear hoodies – hoodies will be confiscated if worn in school.**

Shoes

School shoes are black, polishable shoes without logos. Students are not allowed to wear trainers, even if they are black. Nike Air Force 1 trainers are not school shoes and should not be worn to school

Ties

We have changed the house system and as a result your child may have been moved into a different house. At the moment we do not expect students in Y8 to Y11 to be wearing the correct house colours but **if you are buying a new tie please buy the correct house colour**. It is likely that next academic year (Sept 2021) all students will be expected to wear the correct tie, but that is not a requirement just now.

SAFEGUARDING

I have been made aware that there are some concerns about particular content being shared on Facebook and Tic Toc. I would encourage you to follow the link below for further information and some excellent advice and support relating to the social media use of young people.

https://ineqe.com/2020/09/08/tiktokalert/?utm_content=139341279&utm_medium

Once again, thank you for the support you have provided during the reopening of Oakbank School and I look forward to working with you during the rest of the year.

Kind regards

Robin Bertrand