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Welcome back!

It is fantastic to see all of the children back to school and ready and raring for the new school year ahead. We welcome Alice, Sienna and Dorothy and their families to Otterton School. You will have all received the letter about drop and collection arrangements. We no longer need to have bubbles in school so children can mix and play with each other from across the school. Over the summer the main school building has been decorated and some new carpets have been laid, this has given the school a really lovely fresh look and with the new equipment that we have been able to purchase thanks to grants from the Norman Family Trust and the WPA everything is looking really smart.

PE Kit

All children will need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. For everyone this is MONDAY and then Heron Class - Wednesday and Otters Class Thursday.

Facebook

Please have a look at our Facebook page to see what fun the children have been having back at school.

KS1 & KS2 Multi Sports Club

Mr Luxa is willing to run a Multi Sports Club after school on a Monday until 4pm, given that this is at the same time as football club there is also the option for Otterton children to join Drake's at their club on a Tuesday, please could you let us know your thoughts on this by Tuesday of next week so that we can make a decision on the best option. Please either email the office or [complete this form](#).

Foundation Stage Unit

We are very excited that our Foundation Stage Unit will be opening on Monday, this will be a great addition to Otterton and we are looking forward to welcoming the first four children on Monday. We do still have some spaces available so if you would like a place for your child, please get in touch adminotterton@thelink.academy

School Dinners

All dinners should be booked through ParentPay please and bookings should be made by midnight on a Thursday for the following week. Meals are £2.50 per day.

Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals please apply through the Devon Citizens Portal. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and gets Universal Free School Meals it's good to apply as it means that school gets additional funding. To apply, go to <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and then follow the link for the Citizens Portal.

Early Morning Club and After School Club

We run Early Morning Club at Otterton, Monday to Friday from 8am and After School Club on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5pm. If you would like to book your child in to either of these clubs, please email the office and make payment through ParentPay.

We are able to accept Computershare or Edenred childcare vouchers for these clubs and are also registered for the government tax free childcare scheme.

Football Club

We are pleased to advise that Football Club starts again on Monday 20th September at the field in Otterton. £3 per child, per session. Please contact Ed Suttie on Ed2northpole@gmail.com for more details.

Jeremiah 29:11

This half term our Value is HOPE.

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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Please see the latest government guidance on self isolation

When do children need to isolate?

Children need to self-isolate if they have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.

If your child has any of the above, they should self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab) on GOV.UK as soon as possible.

Children should also self-isolate if:

- they've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means they have the virus
- they've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace following contact with someone who tested positive – find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app.

If they develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test, they should book a PCR test. If a pupil is asked to get a PCR test if they are identified as a close contact by NHS Test and Trace, they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back.

If a child lives with someone who has tested positive, they should continue to go to school.

So, what if my child has been in contact with a confirmed case?

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

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