

# Ormesby Village Infant School

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year! It is lovely to see how well the children have already settled into their new school/classes! You will receive information from class teachers in due course about your children's learning activities, daily schedules, homework and anything else that crops up over the school year. This letter gives you some initial important information/reminders and we thank you for reading it carefully. Please remember that we want your children to be happy at school, so do not hesitate to approach class teachers in the first instance if you have any issues or concerns.

#### Email addresses

The school will continue to send the majority of communications by email so please ensure we have your current email addresses as soon as possible. We shall also continue using the texting service so please ensure we have your current mobile numbers if you wish to receive these alerts. If you wish to receive paper copies of letters/do not wish to receive texts, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks!

#### Safety/school arrival/collection

Please remember that you should **not** drive in to the school car park unless you have applied for a permit. This request is to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please remember not to park on dropped kerbs/yellow zig-zag lines outside the school and to drive very slowly near the two school sites. We receive regular complaints about dangerous driving and illegal parking and we really appreciate your support in this matter. The police always advise that license numbers should be reported to them for further investigation where appropriate.

Classroom doors open at 8.50am and this is when staff supervision begins. We respectfully ask that you supervise your children in the playground and covered areas while you wait for classroom doors to open. Children know our school rules, which include **not** climbing on, or over, fences and walls. We also ask that you do **not** allow children to play with equipment in the covered areas. Frequently things are moved and left on the floor and it makes it very difficult for teachers to set out any learning activities before the start of the school day. On no account should children ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds. They need to dismount at the gates and wheel their vehicles to the bike shed. Many thanks for co-operating with these requests. We appreciate that some of you have children at both the infant and junior schools and that you may not wish to leave your child before 8.50am at the junior school. Please make us aware and we will understand that children may be a few minutes late at either school if you want to drop them off in person.



## P.E.

Children should have a full P.E. kit in school every day. We understand that, once in a while, they might forget to bring it, but some children repeatedly do not have a kit in school. They cannot take part safely in sports activities without correct footwear and, for hygiene reasons, should be able to change their clothes before taking part in P.E. lessons. A full kit is as follows:- shorts/skorts/skirt/T-shirt/tracksuit or jogging bottoms for cold weather AND trainers. Many thanks for your support in this matter. Please let us know if you have difficulty in supplying a P.E. kit – we want to help if we can.

## Attendance

You will receive a separate email/letter reminding you of the importance of regular school attendance and the criteria for receiving warning letters/fixed penalty notices. The school is required to follow the LA guidance/procedures which will be detailed in the email. The school's overall attendance was again well below the national average for primary schools for the year 2018-19. We continue to request that you do not take holidays in term time – these account for the majority of the school's unauthorised absence. Holidays can only be authorised if the reasons for taking them are exceptional.

## Diary dates so far

- 1.10.19 – Individual photographs – details to follow
- 15.10.19 – whole school flu immunization – details to follow
- 18.10.19 – Theatre production – The Railway Children – details to follow
- 18.10.19 – school closes for half term
- 28.10.19 – school reopens
- 7.11.19 – Parents' evening – 3.30-6.30pm – details to follow
- 12.11.19 – Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.30pm – details to follow
- 11.12.19 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm – details to follow
- 12.12.19 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm
- 13.12.19 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm
- 12.12.19 – Christmas parties – details to follow
- 17.12.19 – Christmas parties – pm – details to follow
- 18.12.19 - School closes for Christmas
- 6.12.19 – School reopens for spring Term 2020

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates  
Headteacher