

# Ormesby Village Infant School

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Dear Parents

We have almost arrived at the end of another school year – another very difficult and challenging one for us all for so many reasons. I would like to thank your children for being so adaptable and resilient in the face of the many disruptions Covid has brought to our everyday school lives – they have been truly wonderful and have continued to work hard and try their best whether at home or at school. Many thanks to you all for your help with home learning and for the support you give to your children and the school in so many ways. It is always appreciated. Thanks, as always, to all the staff who work so hard to ensure your children learn well and make good progress in a happy, caring environment.

#### Final week/Covid restrictions

As you know, on Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>, Covid restrictions are being lifted. The DfE has stated that schools can continue to operate for the last few days of term with existing measures in place and the local authority has advised us that this is what we should do. We are aware in our small school communities that there has been an increase in the number of children/adults having to self-isolate and we are so very thankful that up until now we have not had to close a bubble/either school. We want to keep everyone at the schools as safe as possible before the start of the summer break. Therefore, we ask that you continue to send/collect your children at their staggered arrival/departure times and wear a mask when on site/coming into the school for any reason. The children will remain in their existing bubbles until the end of term. Please be extra vigilant for signs/symptoms of Covid, as it is on the increase in this area and self-solation rules still apply until August 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### End of term

We are beginning to sort out resources/classrooms etc ready for the end of term and the deep summer clean. The children will need to take home all their belongings, so we ask that they bring a carrier bag to school each day until the end of term, to safely store/carry home their possessions. Many thanks.

Finally, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being the Headteacher of two such beautiful schools. I have worked in schools for over thirty five years and have had the richest and most satisfying of careers – and I saved the richest till last! I have strived to love and value every child and family that we have had the privilege of welcoming to the Ormesby Schools and I leave you all with the greatest sadness – but also thanks for the last, very special, seventeen years. I will always remember my time here at the infant school with the greatest affection and Ormesby will forever have a place in my heart. I wish you, your children, the staff, the governors, and Mr Young a wonderful, happy, health future. Thank you for sending your children to the Ormesby Schools – your children are fantastic young people.

Yours sincerely

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