

Principal's Post

KEEPING YOU INFORMED FROM MR SPRINGETT-MCHUGH & MRS DRAPER

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back for the new academic year and the autumn term. What a wonderful first few days! We have been so impressed with how well the children have returned to school and have been able to focus back to learning after the long summer holiday. A big thank you to you all for making sure your children are so smart and wearing the correct uniform - they look stunning.

We welcomed 20+ new children across the school this week who have all settled in well and become part of Oxley extremely quickly. We know that next week will be very exciting for our youngest new children who will be starting in our Nursery and Foundation Stage - over 100 of them! It is thanks to the wonderful staff team and the caring Oxley children that anyone new to our school can come in and settle so well. If you are new to our school this week or next, you are very welcome and please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of anything or your little one is feeling nervous. We want everyone's experience at Oxley, young and old, to be relaxed, inspiring and, most of all, enjoyable.

We hope you have had chance to look at our Facebook page, which featured a number of photos of both campuses. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated staff team, who have worked so hard over the summer getting everything looking so FAB for the children to return. We are sure that you are also very aware of our big project, which was our new red and green pitches at the Oxley campus. These are simply amazing and provide all our Oxley Parkers, from both Oxley and Shenley Wood, with a truly amazing resource.

This year will see us grow again, our modernisation programme continue and a real focus on developing our curriculum further. It will be busy, busy, busy but with our dedicated staff, focused children and supportive parents, we will have another hugely successful year, as we did last year.

To help us start on the right note, and set our high standards from the beginning, we have shared some of our FAB expectations with you overleaf. Thank you in advance for ensuring that your child follows these and helps us as a school to keep all 650 children focused on learning and enjoying their school days.

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for Parent Governor election nominations is 3:30pm on Tuesday 10 September 2019. Details were emailed out to parents/carers prior to the summer holidays. Further copies are available from the academy office.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and making sure Oxley Park Academy continues to thrive and shine!

Mr N Springett-McHugh
Executive Principal

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

Mrs K Draper
Associate Principal

TWO SITES—ONE HEART, ONE MISSION, ONE SCHOOL

Our FAB expectations for September 2019!

We would like everyone to continue to uphold our expectations, and to start the new academic year exactly the same way we wish to go on. Here is a gentle reminder of our FAB expectations, which we sent out at the end of the summer term.

FAB Uniform: There is no change with our uniform. Please do make sure that you keep to a formal, traditional style when purchasing skirts, trousers (eg: no skinny leg cut) and shoes. Thank you in advance.

Here is the uniform list:

- Grey school trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Blue polo shirts
- Burgundy school sweatshirt or cardigan
- Plain Black school shoes
- School reversible waterproof fleece / coat - optional

Year 6: Children wear a school blazer, blue shirt and tie with grey trousers/skirts.

PE kit: We really want to smarten up our PE kit so this is where you really can help! Please do make sure the clothes you buy are plain clothes as listed below and please do note that only plain, black, full-length leggings are acceptable. This is not a change to the standards already in place.

We also ask that when you are purchasing trainers, you keep them plain black or white please. We don't wish to see any major branded colourful ones for school use. This does help us ensure they don't become a distraction to children especially, when they are in their kits all day. Once again thank you in advance!

Indoor PE: White t-shirt and black shorts. Children will work in bare feet in the hall.

Outdoor PE: Plain black sweat top/hoodie and black jogging bottoms. No stripes or logos. Plain dark/white trainers. Children must wear jogging bottoms or plain, black, full-length leggings are allowed.

Whilst uniform with logo is not essential, if you require further information regarding our embroidered school uniform, or wish to download an order form, please visit www.shirleymk.biz. Alternatively, you can contact Theresa Shirley on 01908 340589 or email her on theresa@shirleymk.biz

Nail Varnish & Jewellery

We will also be insisting on no nail varnish, jewellery (other than stud earrings and a watch) and, of course, as it has always been - 'No-no to Jo-Jo!' Keep hair bows and attire simple, small and in either neutral or the academy uniform colours. Hair should be in a simple style of natural colour. No extreme styles please.

We will be reminding children that we are here to learn, and not to parade in a fashion show, so please do support us and not create a difficult situation between school and home. If your child is giving you grief, please do share this with them so they know it is us setting the FAB standards and not you refusing to buy the top-level trainers in the shop!

Labelling all property

Please don't forget to label every single item - it will be a huge help to keep lost property down to a minimum and save you lots of money having to re-buy lost jumpers, etc!

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

TWO SITES—ONE HEART, ONE MISSION, ONE SCHOOL

Oxley Park Campus: Redgrave Drive, Milton Keynes, MK4 4TA

Shenley Wood Campus: Merlewood Drive, Milton Keynes, MK5 6GG

01908 503870 e: oxleyoffice@oxleyparkacademy.com

01908 506899 e: shenlevoffice@oxleyparkacademy.com

Small bags please!

Please keep bags and lunchboxes as small as possible, in order to fit into lockers at Oxley Park campus and classroom cupboards at Shenley Wood.

Water bottles

Please remember that all children need to bring their own water bottles into school, each day. It is also parents' responsibility to ensure that children have sun cream applied before school, and bring their own, named sun cream into school if they need to apply more during the day.

General equipment

We will provide all the necessary equipment your child needs, but if your child wishes, they may have one small pencil case. Again, this will be stored in their bag, in their locker or cupboard. In summary, keep everything simple and as small as possible, that way your child will have everything they need, and it won't impact on our learning spaces.

PE days

Starting from Monday 9 September, PE days for the children will be as follows:

Monday:	Year 2 & Year 5
Tuesday:	Year 1 & Year 6
Wednesday:	Year 3
Thursday:	Foundation & Year 4 (<i>inc McCartney-Hawking class</i>)

The correct PE kit should be worn on these days (see academy website for details). No jewellery should be worn. If rain is forecast, please can children also come to school with a waterproof coat, as PE lessons will still take place.

Quick reminders:

- **Nut-free:** We are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child into school with anything containing nuts, including peanut butter or chocolate hazelnut spread.
- **No term-time holidays:** A reminder that, by law, we are not permitted to authorise any holidays to be taken during term-time. Unless there are genuinely exceptional circumstances, any holidays requested will not be authorised.
- **Parking:** Please may we respectfully ask that all parents/carers park considerately around school, to ensure the safety of all our pupils.
- **FOOPA need your help!** If you are able to spare any time, and would like to be involved with our friendly parent fundraising group, FOOPA, (Friends of Oxley Park Academy), they can be contacted via email on friendsofoxleypark@hotmail.com.
- **On time, every day!** Finally, just a reminder that children should arrive into school, on time, and with everything they need for the day ahead, to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to their learning.

Thank you all in advance for your support.

DREAM BELIEVE ACHIEVE

TWO SITES—ONE HEART, ONE MISSION, ONE SCHOOL