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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back to the Summer Term

We hope you have all had a restful Easter break with your families and friends, whilst managing to take advantage of the very good weather! Welcome back to a new term and hopefully one where we can have greater opportunities to invite you back into school to take part in more face-to-face events, as we learn to live safely with Covid-19.

Now we are back in school, please may we remind you that the correct school uniform of school colours must be worn, which is also required for PE kits – please see our website if unsure. This certainly makes a positive statement to our whole school community that we take pride in the way we look and are proud to belong to Oaklands Juniors. Staff will be reminding children of our expectations over the forthcoming weeks.

The current Government guidance for Covid-19 in England changed on 1st April 2022, with advice being updated for schools. The full guidance can be found [here](#) along with updated symptoms.

Briefly, the advice for schools currently is:

- Pupils who are not well enough to be in school and/or who have a high temperature should stay at home, only returning to school when well enough to do so, with a normal temperature.
- Testing is no longer recommended unless directed by a health professional. However, if a pupil has tested positive for Covid-19, they should stay at home for 3 days after the day the test was taken, returning to school only when well enough to do so, and without a high temperature.

Schools no longer receive free Lateral Flow Tests provided by the Government as these have been phased out. The advice for staff in school is very similar to the above bullet points, apart from staff need to stay at home for 5 days following the day of a positive test.

Hand hygiene, increased ventilation and extra cleaning measures are still very important and will all remain in place as part of our risk assessment to keep everyone safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'HWest'.

Mrs. H. West
Headteacher