

Friday 26th January 2024 Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to draw your attention to an extract from our school prospectus regarding parking around the Oaklands' Schools Site.

Car Parking

Oaklands Junior School is very aware of the disruption that parking at the beginning and end of the school days causes to our neighbours and seeks to minimise this by asking our parents/carers to park sensibly and safely at all times. Neighbours who suffer from repeated incidents of not being able to enter/exit their drives are advised to take the registration number of the car concerned and report it to the police on 101.

It is vitally important that the zigzag area is left clear in the morning and afternoon during drop off and pick up times and that parents/carers collecting their children in the afternoon leave their cars in order to escort their children across the road. Furthermore, drivers are requested not to park opposite the zigzag lines, – this provides a safe crossing for our families and particularly for our older pupils crossing the road independently – or on grass verges, on the corners of road junctions.

PLEASE PARK SENSIBLY, BE CONSIDERATE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS BY NOT PARKING ACROSS THEIR DRIVEWAYS AND, ABOVE ALL, ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN

Unfortunately, we are still getting reports of parents/carers parking opposite the zig-zag lines at drop off and pick up which can endanger both children and adults who use this area to 'cross safely'.

SATs & Inset Dates

SATs dates for May 2024 have now been added to the [Term Dates](#) page on our website for any Year 6 parents who may require this information. Also included are Inset Days that are due to be taken. Please double check these if you have not recently visited the site as some dates were changed, both for this and the next academic year, due to us no longer being a polling station.

Measles

You may have noticed the recent BBC news coverage on the increase in measles outbreaks <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cqee2qz4vk1t>. Measles is a highly infectious disease, especially within schools, and can be very serious.

NHS England has launched a national MMR catch-up campaign. Over the next few months, children aged 6 to 11 who are missing one or two doses of the MMR vaccine will be invited to contact their GP practice to check their immunisation history and book an appointment for the MMR vaccination. [Your local Children's Immunisation Team](#) will also be holding local community clinics for 6- to 11-year-olds.

You can find more information about measles and the MMR vaccination below:

<https://vaccineknowledge.ox.ac.uk/measles> (with google translate to select your preferred language)

[MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it - Schools version \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Secondary Schools

Secondary schools are beginning to have open afternoons and taster days so if your child is in Year 5 you may be interested in our Secondary School page <https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/secondary-school-information/> Some schools offer tours for Year 4 children too!

Wokingham Local Transport Plan

Wokingham are currently consulting on their updated Local Transport Plan (LTP4) before adopting a finalised version. LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how they aim to improve walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years.

They would like to get feedback from parents/carers/residents on the proposed document via the following link <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/a-new-local-transport-plan-for-wokingham-borough> The consultation is now live and running until 23rd February 2024.

Kind regards,
Oaklands Junior School Office