

# OLDHAM COUNCIL



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Dear Parent/carer,

## SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER THREE, 2023

### Warm/hot weather

As you are aware, we are currently experiencing a spell of warm/hot weather. Although we are a long way off the hottest day on record (set last year, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, where school recorded a temperature of 37 degrees) it is still hot enough to inform and remind parents of our key messages when the sun (and associated temperature) can cause issues in school.

Today the local temperature is forecast to be around 25 degrees, and which may continue into early next week.

### Use of sunscreen and school uniform

When the weather is forecast to be warm/hot and sunny for the duration of the day, please apply a 'once-a-day' SPF 50+ sunscreen on your child before they leave home in the morning. 'Once-a-day' sunscreens offer all day UVA and UVB protection. For pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage, please refer to bespoke information previously circulated.

In addition, a suitable sunhat is a valuable addition to your child's uniform on warm/hot and sunny days. Linked to uniform, it is also important to stress that individual items of clothing should have your child's name written in (usually on the manufacturer's label). This is particularly important when labelling jumpers and cardigans. Jumpers and cardigans are usually the item of clothing that are removed when a pupil is hot. Although individual classrooms have systems in place to cater for this it is still essential to record your child's name on their personal belonging to resolve any potential 'mix-up'.

In regard to school uniform the uniform policy remains in place at present and will remain unchanged/unamended based on the current weather forecast. The policy may be 'relaxed' (as it was on the 18/07/22 & 19/07/22 when Oldham was under a red weather warning) dependent on future weather forecasts.

Parents and carers will be informed in writing if the uniform policy is temporarily relaxed/amended. In the event of a 'severe' weather warning, the start and end of the school day may also be amended. This could include an earlier school start time and an early school finish. Again, this will be communicated in writing and prior to the event if required.



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## Uniform List

### Nursery and Reception Pupils

Black or grey leggings or tracksuit pants  
Yellow polo shirt  
Bottle green cardigan, jumper, or sweatshirt (option available with a school logo)  
Black, grey, or white socks  
Green gingham dress (summer term only)  
Black or grey shorts (summer term only)  
Velcro shoes  
Wellington boots (to be kept in school)

### Key Stage 1 and 2 Pupils (Year 1 to Year 6)

Black or grey skirt or trousers  
White blouse, shirt, or polo shirt  
Bottle green cardigan, jumper, or sweatshirt (option available with a school logo)  
Black, grey, or white socks  
Black, green, or grey tights (black full-length leggings worn under a school skirt during colder months of the year)  
Green gingham dress (summer term only)  
Black or grey shorts (summer term only)

### Footwear

Shoes or trainers, predominately black. Shoes need to be sensible and appropriate for the school day including playing out at break and lunchtime. To meet these requirements, footwear should be flat with good levels of grip. In addition, they should be stable and secure on the foot and offer protection to the toe and heel (again for playing outside at break and lunchtime).

### General Appearance and Local Authority Health and Safety Instruction

Earrings – please ensure that if your child arrives at school wearing an earring/pair of earrings, they are small, discreet and lie ‘flat to the ear’. This guidance follows instruction from Oldham Council’s Health and Safety Team to avoid the earring being ‘caught’ during break/ lunchtime and the potential to cause significant injury.

‘Hoop’ type earrings, ‘large’ earrings and earrings that ‘protrude’ or ‘dangle’ from the ear are not permitted.

No jewellery allowed in school other than a wristwatch. No rings (other finger jewellery) or necklaces.

No false nails (e.g. acrylic or gel). Nail extensions or decorated fingernails are not allowed for safety reasons and potentially inhibit learning within some curriculum areas. Nails should be natural and kept short. Clear nail varnish is permitted.

### Water in school

We care about our pupil’s health and wellbeing so we will always promote water as the best option and help pupils understand the importance of healthy drink choices and the benefits of consuming water. We also ensure our staff are committed to model healthy drinking habits.



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### During the school day

Limehurst is a water only school. This means that as a school we promote water as the **ONLY** readily available drink during the school day.

We strongly believe that water, which by law must be readily available to pupils, is enough to meet children's hydration needs and pupils are encouraged to drink water as part of the school's food policy. Be assured, hydration is not compromised by the lack of availability of sugary drinks in school.

On particularly warm/hot days school staff will regularly remind children to drink water and stay hydrated. This will include opportunities to drink water before and after an outdoor pastoral time such as break and lunchtime.

### At lunchtime

In compliance with the National School Food Standards, we provide water for all pupils during school meals (packed lunch pupils upon request). We actively discourage home packed lunch pupils from bringing fizzy or sugary drinks to school. This means children are not regularly drinking sugary drinks which contribute to many preventable health conditions like obesity, tooth decay and type 2 diabetes.

Also, we do not allow sports or energy drinks. Both have high levels of caffeine leading to dehydration. Dehydration may result in poor concentration in class, headaches, irritability, sleepiness, dizziness and can ultimately affect attainment.

### Attendance reminder

#### Leave of absence including holidays in term time

Pupil attendance is mandatory. School has been instructed to 'follow up' on any and every pupil absence. The Local Authority (in liaison with school) will once again be issuing warning notices and fixed penalty fines where applicable, as directed by the Department for Education.

All evidence shows that pupils achieve better in school when they have good attendance. This is the reason that we encourage the maximum possible learning time in school. We ask parents to apply six weeks in advance for a leave of absence, including a holiday in term-time. Parents should fill in a leave of absence request form; this is available from the school's reception. Parents will be informed as soon as possible if a request can be authorised.

Careful consideration will be given to each request for a leave of absence. However, government legislation means that it is unlikely that any leave of absence, including term-time holidays, can be authorised by school. School works with the local authority who will issue penalty notice fines for unauthorised absences, including unauthorised term-time holidays.

Penalty Notice Fines are £120 per parent/carer per child when paid within 28 days or reduced to £60 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid, the parent/carer will be prosecuted. If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure our records up-to-date and accurate.

### Important summer term dates

**Tuesday 20th June: Year Two visit to Lytham St Annes**

**Wednesday 21st June: Year One visit to Lytham St Annes**



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Tuesday 27th June: Year Six visit to the Crucial Crew experience, MAHDLO (afternoon)

Thursday 29th June: Reception pupils (Sunshine's) to visit Smithills Open Farm

Friday 30th June: Reception pupils (Rainbow's) to visit Smithills Open Farm

Friday 30th June: Year Five and Six Fun Day (provided by One Adventure)

Wednesday 5th July: Year Six Secondary School Transition Day (this is specific to individual secondary schools. Please refer to the information circulated by your child's chosen school)

Thursday 6th July: Year Six Secondary School Transition Day: **OASIS Academy Oldham**. Please refer to the information circulated by Oasis and other secondary school who have selected this day)

**Please note: Year 6 pupils go DIRECTLY to their chosen secondary school as informed/directed by their selected school. Children are not expected to attend Limehurst on a scheduled transition day.**

Thursday 6th July: Year Three and Four visit to Blackpool Zoo

Wednesday 12th July: Early Years Foundation Stage Disco (after school)

Thursday 13th July: Whole School French Enrichment Day (further details will be provided)

Please note that the school telephone number has now changed to 0161 770 7220. If you save this number as 'Limehurst school' in your mobile phone, it will now come up as the school's name if we telephone you.

#### End-of-school, 2022/23

The last school day for children in Nursery before the summer holiday is Thursday 20th July.

The last school day for children in Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two before the summer holiday is Friday 21st July with an early finish (12.45pm finish for pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1, and 12.50pm for pupils in Key Stage 2).

School will open for the new school year (2023/24) on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Nursery and Reception pupils will return to school on a 'staged/staggered' basis to ensure all pupils settle into school life swiftly and successfully. This information will be shared with parents in due course and before the September return.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**M Roberts**

Mark Roberts  
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