



## Old Oak Primary School Update

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear families,

Welcome back to Old Oak, we are ready for another year. Thank you for supporting your child/ren on the first day- it was fantastic to see everyone again and lots of new faces. If you are new to Old Oak- welcome!

We hope you received the email on Tuesday. We are so proud of all of the children and they are all settled in to their new classes. The new reception children are enjoying their first week of school and getting to know the new routines.

Next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we will be attaching the **dates for the academic year** ahead in terms of events, celebrations and other dates that you need to know about and to keep free if you are able - please look out for this.

We use a range of **communication tools** such as, email, text, newsletter, seesaw and Instagram. Please always read the **newsletter and check seesaw** so you know what is happening in school and what you need to be aware of. Instagram: @oldoakprimaryschool is always worth looking at - Ms McCartney always updates, sometimes daily!

### Old Oak Values- replace IPC GOALS

The values are the same but we have changed them from IPC Goals to Old Oak Values. IPC stands for 'International Primary Curriculum' and this curriculum provides the curriculum for History, Geography and Science in the majority- we feel that by calling them IPC goals it limits their focus and these values embed our ethos, culture and behaviour curriculum. Ask your child/ren to see if they can tell you them all! Every Monday in my assembly we will focus on one particular value such as empathy and this will form part of the reward system below.

### NEW reward system

We will be starting a new reward system from the week beginning September 15<sup>th</sup> where one child in every class will be chosen by the class teacher and support staff to receive a values certificate or

effort certificate- these will be presented to the children in the sharing assembly on Thursday and they will bring the certificate home to share with you. The effort certificate will link to our value of resilience.

### **Start of the day**

Please remember that **school starts at 8:50am**, the key stage 1 and 2 gates open at 8:45am and you can drop your child to be looked after by staff. If you are later than 8:55am the gates will close and your child will be late on the register. Please work with us so children arrive on time, settle into class and start learning straight away.

Early years gate opens at 8:50am- if you are later than 9:05, your child will need to be taken to the front desk area and you will need to wait until they are collected. We do not have staff that can go to and from gates when they are settling children and starting the day.

**Breakfast Club:** if your child attends, please ensure they arrive before 8:15am, it starts at 8am. Any child that arrives after 8:15 will not be able to be permitted. **This is for safety reasons as we are aware that some children are entering the building and not being registered as they go outside where the children go at 8:30 as part of the breakfast club offer.**

**After School Club:** the children will go straight there after they are dismissed at the end of the day as usual. Please collect by 5:45pm.

Watch this space as we are starting a new initiative within after school club called a club night where children will be able to join many different clubs for a very reasonable charge.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs:** more information on these will follow next week, including the after-school club night offer.

### **School lunches**

The children are thoroughly enjoying the meals cooked by Fabiano, our new school cook. As you are aware we work with the company STIR. The number of children who are eating a school lunch has increased- **please remember that in London EVERY child receives a free school lunch.** There are many choices for the children to choose at lunch time so even if you think your child may not like what is on offer, they could try for a week and see! If you choose to give your child a packed lunch please ensure it is nutritious.

**Vacancies:** we are looking for a **site manager**. If you are interested, please see Joanne on front desk - she will provide you with a job description and application form. The advert is also on the TES website.

We also are recruiting for an **Early year's practitioner who has a level 3 in childcare** to work in the Imperial Nursery-this role is all year round with annual leave, NOT term time- 12:15pm-5:30pm every day. (25 hours) Please ask Joanne for an application form if you are interested.

**Term Dates:** please see the new dates attached, they have been available on the website since July. Please remember to only book holidays out of term time. Good attendance is vital for your child/ren to succeed and the local authority work closely with us to monitor attendance of all families. I have a meeting next week and will need to report all families that have not returned to school for the new academic year.

**Illness:** If your child is unwell, you MUST call the school office and speak to someone or leave a voice message. You can also email, [admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldoak.lbhf.sch.uk). Please put child absence in the email heading. If you do not do this then it means we need to call you to ascertain why your child is unwell. Over time not informing the school can become a safeguarding issue for your family.

**School Uniform:** this is available from Joanne on front desk- **1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY of EVERY MONTH.**

The children always look so smart at Old Oak - let's keep this up! Please remember that only stud earrings are acceptable for health and safety reasons and no other jewellery should be worn- many thanks for your support with this. Please make sure that the children only wear black trainers, not white.

**Head teacher up date sessions- last Thursday of every month at 2:40pm.**

Lastly, the last Thursday of every month I will be inviting you to an update at 2:45pm where I will share school development priorities, policies and initiatives and give you the chance to ask any questions or thoughts that you have. At times other staff may present on a curriculum area. I will remind you on the newsletter of the date and we will send a text and also inform you of the topic/focus for that week.

The first one will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September and the focus will be sharing our school development priorities for 25/26.

For photos of the week, please check the school's Instagram page.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Beardsworth

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