



Wednesday 29th April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for the way you have been working so hard supporting your children while we are in this phase of learning at home. This way of learning will be in place until the end of Week 2, when a phased return to school by students will start. Until then students will continue to learn at home working through the material provided by their teacher.

One quick reminder: During this time we need to monitor students attending or being “at school”. When working at home that means a student is engaging in learning. Each day your child’s teacher will run a zoom roll call. Students are expected to attend this roll call so we can confirm their attendance and check in with their learning. If your child is sick or cannot complete work or attend the roll call we ask families to text the school phone or call the school to inform us.

Arrangements from Monday 11th May (Week 3 & 4 Term 2)

At Oaklands Central School we are starting a phased return of students to “face to face” learning in school for all students. Careful plans have been made to support your child’s learning while also ensuring the wellbeing of students, staff and the community.

Attendance

Students will have set days when they are **expected to be at school**, in class and learning. The arrangements are:

Kindergarten: Will attend school **Monday to Friday** (5 days each week)

Years 1 – 6: Will attend school on **Tuesday and Thursday** each week (2 days per week)

Years 7 – 10: Will attend school on **Monday and Wednesday** each week (2 days per week)

Years 11 – 12: Will attend school **Monday to Friday** (5 days per week)

On days when your child is not required to be at school their teacher will continue to run a zoom roll call which your child is expected to attend.

If your child cannot attend on the days that they are expected to be at school, please contact the school as normal to provide the reason for their absence. On the other days we ask parents to ring or text the school if your child is unwell or unable to participate in learning.

Learning

When at school, students will be taught by their teachers with full, explicit teaching taking place. This will allow students to move back into normal learning on these days.

Students will be provided with learning to complete at home on the days when they are not expected to be at school. For example, a Year 1 student will be given material to complete at home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Parents will be advised of the support available from their teachers on the days their child is not at school.

Wellbeing / Health

To allow the return of students to school, it is important that processes are put in place to protect students, staff and community.

When at school social distancing will be in place in the classroom. Students will be given assigned seats that will be appropriately spaced. Movement around classrooms will be minimized and students should not share equipment. High touch areas of the classroom, such as desks will be regularly wiped.

Students will be required to eat recess and lunch at their desks before being allowed out into the playground for their break. Students will be able to fill water bottles from the water chiller but bubblers may not be used. Regular cleaning of playground equipment will take place.

Reward System

Despite the return of students to Oaklands Central School, the reward system will remain in recess.

Access to School

We ask that parents and community only enter the school grounds when absolutely necessary. If you do come into the school you are required to report straight to the office. Please follow the social distancing procedures in place for the Administration Block / Office area.

Extracurricular Activities

While learning will actively be taking place in school, other extracurricular activities are still not allowed. This means excursions, student trips, sport competitions etc cannot take place.

The school will be reviewing student attendance towards the end of Week 4 and parents will be updated on school processes at that time.

If you have any questions please contact the school at any time.

Regards



Peter Craft
Principal