



**WELCOME  
NEW YEAR 7S!**

**Orsett Heath  
Academy**

# ROLE OF TUTORS

**Tutors are your 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact. They:**

- Monitor your attendance, punctuality and progress;
- Receive notes, phone calls and letters from parents to school;
- Are your 1<sup>st</sup> point of call if you are having any issues, worries or concerns and want to speak through anything.

**You can contact us on the school office number - 01375 802800, and we will make sure we get back to you as soon as possible.**

**Please remember however –** *The school office must be informed on the first morning of absences and each morning thereafter. A note must be sent in on the first day of return.*



# ATTENDANCE

We expect students to attend school every day, except in cases of genuine, transferrable illness.

90% attendance sounds pretty good but it is the equivalent of missing one half day every week and that's practically part-time!

To put it in perspective, over 1 academic year, 90% attendance equals 4 whole weeks of school missed...



# A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

Be on site by 8.25am. Breakfast will be available from 8.00am.

You need to be at your Period 1 class for the first bell at 8.35am and seated ready for morning registration at 8.40am.

Food will be available at both breaks.

There are 5 lessons on Tuesday to Friday but 6 on a Monday! This means that school finishes at 3.20pm on Monday and 3.05pm Tuesday to Friday.

	Mon		Tues - Fri
08:25	Arrival	08:25	Arrival
08:35	<b>Period 1</b>	08:35	<b>Period 1</b>
09:35	<b>Period 2</b>	09:35	<b>Period 2</b>
10:35	Break	10:35	Break
11:00	Tutor Time	11:00	Tutor Time
11:20	<b>Period 3</b>	11:20	<b>Period 3</b>
12:20	Lunch	12:20	Lunch
12:50	<b>Period 4</b>	12:50	<b>Period 4</b>
13:50	<b>Period 5</b>	13:50	<b>Period 5</b>
14:50	<b>Period 6</b>	14:50	Tutor Time
15:20	Finish	15:05	Finish

# PAYING FOR FOOD

The canteen will only accept payments via WisePay.

You will receive a WisePay account log-in prior to September, which you will need to activate and put credit on.

# STAYING HYDRATED

We encourage students to drink water in most lessons, except for ICT and Science.

There are, however, two breaks when food and drink may be purchased or brought in and eaten.

Please do not send fizzy or 'sports' drinks into school.

Chewing gum is also not permitted in school.



# UNIFORM

The full school uniform list can be found on the school website. All items that are specific to the Orsett Heath uniform are available from our two uniform suppliers:

*Snappy Schoolwear* – <https://www.snappyschoolwear.com>

*Uniformwise* – <https://www.uniformwise.co.uk>

- Please note that no earrings, or any other piercings, rings, necklaces or bracelets should be worn for Health and Safety reasons.
- Watches are permitted, but must be removed for P.E.
- There should also be no false nails or eyelashes.
- Students should not have shaved-in patterns or lines in their hair, and hair should only be natural colours. We also ask students do not wear hair adornments.

# EQUIPMENT

Every student should have every day:

- 2 pens – black
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Maths equipment and calculator
- A sensible bag to carry all school books and equipment
- Your English reading book – from September
- Separate PE bag



# MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones and / or MP3 players are not to be used during the school day and must be turned off and kept in a bag or pocket during lessons and breaks.

Mobile phones should not be used as watches or to check the time.

All emergency contact between students and parents/carers must take place via the school office.

**If students are found using their phone, it will be confiscated, sent to the office for safe keeping and a parent will be asked to come to school to collect it.**

We cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to phones brought into school.

# HEADPHONES

Headphones are not be worn in or around school.

If they are seen, they will be also be confiscated.



# KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

Our two main platforms will be:

- **Class Charts** – Keeping up to date with attendance, progress and timetables.
- **Google Classroom** – A space to access all lesson resources and homework.

*Parents and students will be provided with log-ins in September.*

Each child's progress is monitored and their performance is reviewed at least once per term by their tutor.

The aim is for each child to be aware of their attainment and effort in all subjects. We will also work with students to identify their own strengths and weaknesses and take the necessary steps to achieve at the best level they can.

# WORKING GROUPS

We have worked to collect information from all primary schools over the past few weeks, which we will use initially for setting of students into their working groups.

However, we will also be completing CAT4 Tests and Baseline assessments in a variety of subjects which will allow us to review these groups and the suitability of students groups by the October half-term.

# SUPPORT AND MENTORING

During tutor time, students are regularly grouped and seated in a 'family' where they will be able to support each other in their journey throughout school.

- **PALS:** A whole school initiative with trained students who are available to offer support, guidance and a listening ear.
- **Tutors:** Your first point of call for any issues, worries or concerns.
- **Safeguarding Team:** Are available to deal with any serious, complex or ongoing issues.
- **TooToot:** A confidential safeguarding app that all students have access to.

# ROUTES TO/FROM SCHOOL

There are two options for walking access

- Along Long Lane and then the path that runs along the main entrance to TRFC (the other side of the grass mound)
- A pedestrian access gate from Jesmond Road / Springfield Road

Access across the field will not be possible as it will quickly become a building site for the main school

# SCHOOL INFORMATION

Orsett Heath aims to be a paper free communicator.

All letters will be sent out by email, so please ensure that we have your current email address.

For school news and information, please use:

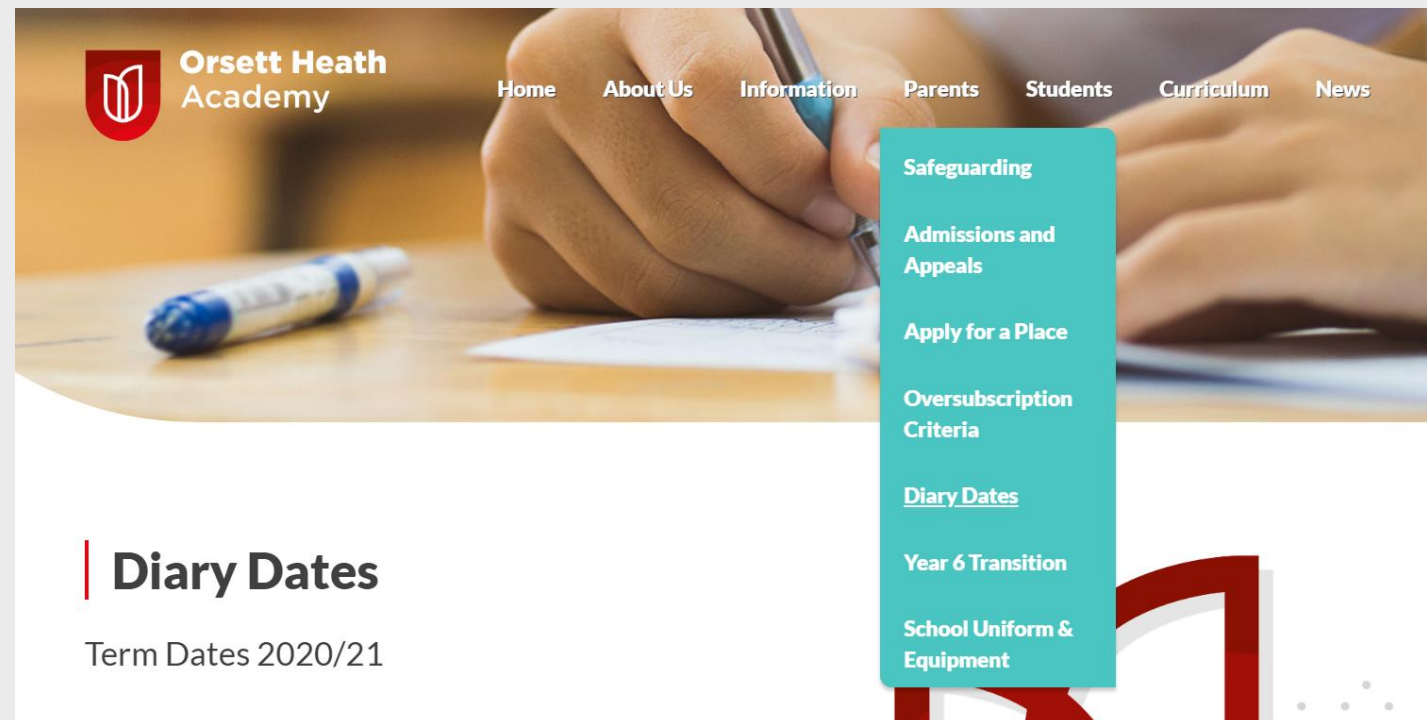
- The school's website
- Facebook facilities
- Twitter facilities



# FIRST DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

The pupil's first day of term is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Term dates for the whole academic year can be found on the school website.



The screenshot shows the Orsett Heath Academy website. The header features the school's logo and name, along with a navigation menu: Home, About Us, Information, Parents, Students, Curriculum, and News. A teal dropdown menu is open, listing: Safeguarding, Admissions and Appeals, Apply for a Place, Oversubscription Criteria, Diary Dates, Year 6 Transition, and School Uniform & Equipment. The main content area has a section titled 'Diary Dates' with the subtitle 'Term Dates 2020/21'. The background image shows hands writing on a document with a blue pen.



# FIRST DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

**Our few days be held as an Induction Days.**

During this week, we will:

- Provide you with your timetable and speak through it with you.
- Get you logged on to Google Classroom and show you how to use it for OHA.
- Discuss what you want from Orsett Heath Academy, and make a set of aims to go alongside our school values.
- Complete some team building activities.
- Run sessions on how to manage friendships, being mentally healthy and creating a safe learning environment .

# QUESTIONS?

Send in any questions you have to [office@oha.swecet.org](mailto:office@oha.swecet.org)

However big or small your question is, we will be more than happy to help.

We will be sending out responses to the questions over the summer holidays.

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From \_\_\_\_\_  
At \_\_\_\_\_ primary school

To: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARENTS AND CARERS

Your next Parents & Carers' meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, with your child's tutor. Here, we will meet with you to review your child's first weeks at Orsett Heath Academy.