



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well, OSCAR staff have missed the children very much. As we look forward to a very different start to our new school year on September 7th, I need to inform you of the necessary short-term changes to OSCAR. This is part of the slow and careful return to “normal” routines.

- Firstly, we are asking that you continue to sign in and collect your child from the OSCAR door as we established before the school closure. Whilst doing this, we are also asking that you maintain social distancing should other parents be present.
- Breakfast Club will not be able to offer breakfast. We are asking that you provide your child with breakfast before bringing him/her into school. We will open at 8.00am, as before the school closure, and fees will remain at the same rate as this year - £4.50.
- OSCAR itself will look very different for the children for a little while. We are mindful that children love their time in OSCAR, and are accustomed to being free to move around the hall choosing from games and activities as they please. However, in September, we will be following the same bubble format as the school day. Children will be allocated a year group table, and will have a box of games and activities that will remain with their bubble. It would be very helpful if children could bring in their own colouring pencils or felt tips, as we are unable to share the usual OSCAR supplies for the time being. They are welcome to bring books from home to read, or other personal possessions to keep themselves busy – obviously within reason. No expensive toys or electronic gadgets, please.
- During this interim period, OSCAR will close at 5.00pm, rather than 6.00pm. Therefore, a reduced fee of £6.45 will be charged for the longer session, until we can offer our normal service. We will provide a small snack, but it needs to be something in individual packets (such as crisps or Iced Gems), as we are not able to prepare the variety we would usually offer. We will also offer a juice carton.
- Once again, numbers for next year have increased. With this in mind, and the need to operate in bubbles, “extra spaces” for regular children will be unavailable, as will spaces for “as and when” children.

I understand that these arrangements are not ideal for parents or children, but they are necessary under the current circumstances in order to keep our children and their families as safe and healthy as possible. These routines will be reviewed regularly, as we take careful and considered steps towards “normal service”.

Thank you all for your support and understanding during the run up to the school closure. We at OSCAR look forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Mrs J Evans and the OSCAR team.

