



Headteacher Update



2024 - 2025

Monday 25th November – General Update

School Timings

Once again, we are seeing an increase in pupils arriving late in the morning or being picked up late at the end of the day. Please make sure your child is in school daily and on time.

Start of the day - Gate open – 8:40

Lesson start - 8:50

If your child arrives after 8:50am and the gates are closed, **they are late** and will need to sign into the office using the InVentry signing in system – Younger pupils will need an adult to do this for them.

The number of times a pupil is late is monitored and missed learning minutes are tracked.

End of the day - Gates open at 3:20.

All pupils should be collected and off site by 3:25.

If you know you are going to be late for a 'one off' collection, please contact the school office and inform us. The late collections are monitored and charges could be issued for places at after school club if it persists or parents are excessively late for collection.

Winter illnesses

We are seeing an increase in winter illnesses and have a few cases of Chicken Pox and Hand, Foot and Mouth in school. Please be vigilant with your children and make sure that they stay off school if illnesses are contagious. If you are unsure, please contact school as we follow Public Health England guidelines. [Hand, foot and mouth disease - NHS](#) and [Chickenpox - NHS](#)

Headlice

Headlice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Within the school, we often see clusters of headlice and nits within certain classes/year groups. Please make sure you regularly check your child's hair and treat any outbreaks. Once the hair has been treated, pupils are allowed to be back in school. [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

OPAL

Thank you to all the parents who attended our OPAL Play Parent event on Tuesday, it was fantastic to see so many pupils and parents playing together in the snow! I hope it has helped you to understand what a great opportunity we are providing at OBS and how much we value play. To see the pictures, please visit; [Latest News | Old Basford School](#)

Arbor

Thank you to all of the parents who use the Arbor app regularly, this is our main way of communicating with parents, both from the school office and the class teachers (PROUD points and Behaviour incidents). Please make sure you are checking it daily and keeping on track with messages. We are reviewing how messages will be sent, with the awareness that it can sometimes feel over whelming. **Over the past few weeks, information about trips and visitors has been sent out, we do not want your child to miss out.** If you have any questions or need help with Arbor, please speak to a member of the office team.