



South Avenue Primary School

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Dear Parent, Carers and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a good summer break and are ready for your children to come back to school. We are all looking forward to all of the children returning to school tomorrow, Thursday, 2nd September.

Below is a recap on the changes we are making in regards to returning to school tomorrow. As you are aware, many Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted; however, we have guidance from the Government that we must follow, which means some elements of how we ran last year will continue.

Changes for September 2021 are:

- Year 1 and 2 parents to enter via gate 4 near the main entrance and leave via the gates in the hedges, or vice versa.
- All children in Years 3-6 will enter and leave via gate 5, as we used to. Adults accompanying these children can walk onto the playground to drop off their child/ren and to collect at the end of the day.
- We have explored the staggered start that we have been using, as this was also mentioned as something parents would like to keep. Sadly, we cannot continue this, therefore, we will revert to our morning drop off between 8.45am – 8.55am and collection at 3:15pm for all year groups. Gates will open 10 minutes prior to drop off and collection times.
- Breakfast Club will be in place from the start of Term 1. It will open from 7.45am and the final drop off time is 8.00am. We will be continuing with the booking process for this, all bookings needing to be made in advance and only accepting payment via Bacs. From September the cost will be £3.50 per day. Booking forms can be found on the school website.
- After School Club will resume from the start of Term 1. Pick up will continue to be 5.30pm as we will, with our growing numbers, continue in the infant hall. All bookings will have to be made in advance with payments being made via Bacs. The cost from September will be £7.50 per session.
- Children will no longer be in 'bubbles'.
- Staff will not be required to wear face coverings or remain 2 metres distant outside of the classroom, though they may choose to do so.
- Two Year groups will be together in the dining hall at lunchtime.
- Key stage and whole school assemblies will resume with all children together in the school hall.
- We will continue to clean the main 'touchpoints' across the school.
- We will continue to use hand sanitizer throughout the day, this may be as the children enter the classrooms.
- PE kit will be worn to school on PE days. We have seen less lost property this year and have been able to spend more time on the activity of PE rather than changing into PE kit. We have also had more room in the lockers due to this, which in turn has made the school tidier.
- We will allow children to return to school with bags. They only require the bag to carry their water bottle, reading book and reading record. Therefore, we ask you to consider the size of bag which your child brings, especially for Key Stage 2, as it will need to fit into their lockers along with their coat.

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- The one-way system across the infant site has also proven positive. Year R will continue to enter through gate 1 via the driveway near Busy Bees and will exit via the gate leading to year 1 and out through gate 2. Only parents of children in Year R will be allowed in the sunshine area outside these classrooms, this route will be one way only and not to be used by adults with no children in year R.

We will continue to be a cashless site, all activities, including school dinners, will need to be paid through Parent Pay, with the exception of After School Club and Breakfast Club. A copy of the new school dinner menu is available on our website and an electronic copy will be emailed out to families this week (paper copies are also available in the Reception area). Unfortunately, due to price increases of ingredients, it has been necessary to raise the cost of a school dinner to £2.35 – school dinners remain free to all YR, Y1 and Y2 children and for those eligible for Free School Meals. Please do speak to the school office if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals. If you do not have a login or need support with using this site please email the office.

We may have to revert to our Covid restrictions from last year, bubbles, one-way systems, staggered start and finishes, if there is a rise in positive cases in the local area. We will be guided by the Government on this. If we do have to isolate classes, year groups or the school, learning will revert back to our online platform, Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow,



Miss T Cadwallader
Head of School