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## **Returning to School – September 2020**

In September it will be mandatory for all children to be back in school. The government have issued detailed guidance for schools to follow and we have followed these closely when making our plans. We may have to adapt these plans over time so please keep reading the newsletters each week.

Please read all of the information below carefully and if you have any questions or concerns then please email [admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk) and we can support you.

### • How will staff and children be kept safe?

- Children + staff washing hands regularly during the day
  - Enhanced cleaning schedule in school
- Classes kept in bubbles throughout the school day
- Staff and pupils encouraged to social distance where possible
- Classrooms will be organised to ensure maximum social distancing with all children facing forwards
  - ‘Catch it, kill it, bin it’ mantra reinforced across the school
  - Staggered start and finish times, break times and lunchtimes
- Resources only used within bubbles and pencil cases provided for all children
  - no assemblies or gatherings in school and visitors in school limited
  - outdoor areas used as much as possible
  - rooms well ventilated and doors inside the building kept open.

### • What can my child bring to school?

#### Children **WILL** need:

- Their own water bottle (water only)
- Coat (hat/scarf/gloves if needed)
- lunchbox (only for those not wanting school dinners)
- An empty bookbag ( new reading record books and reading books will be given)
- Fruit/veg snack in KS2 (EYFS/KS1 snack will be provided again in September)

#### Children **WILL NOT** be able to bring:

- Backpacks- not needed and will not be allowed in school.
- Stationary/pencil cases from home. These will be provided by school and kept in school
- PE kits- children will come into school wearing PE kit on their PE day- see information further on in letter.
- Forest school clothes- school will provide these if needed.
- Toys of any kind- there will be no show and tell in the autumn term.
- PPE is not advised for children in school but we will be leaving this for parents to decide on an individual basis.

### • What do they need to wear?

Children will be expected to wear full school uniform except for on PE days (see below). On PE days they will need to wear the school PE top and shorts under a black/grey/dark blue plain tracksuit with socks and trainers (These should be black/grey/ white or dark blue).

- **Miss Keevil + Miss Peddle’s** class can wear school PE kit on a Wednesday each week.
- **Miss Yeo’s** class can wear school PE kit on a Friday each week.
- **Miss Ford + Miss Shinn’s** class can wear school PE kit on a Tuesday each week.
- **Mr Attwood + Mr Marchington’s** class can wear school PE kit on a Thursday each week
- **Mrs Gardner’s** class can wear school PE kit on a Monday each week

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### • What will the school timings be?

The timings below have been set up to minimise the number of parents on site at one time it is very important that you try to arrive as close to these times as you can. Only one parent or family member should be bringing or collecting the children to school. It is extremely important that parents try to social distance on the school site and ensure that their children are following this before and after school.

#### **Drop off/Pick up times - IMPORTANT- PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY OR LATE**

- **Miss Keevil (EYFS) + Miss Yeo (Yr1/2) = 8.50 drop off / 3.05 pick up**

Drop off and pick up outside their classrooms in the EYFS playground (back playground).

- **Mr Attwood (Yr4/5) + Miss Peddle (Yr4) = 9.00 drop off / 3.15 pick up**

Drop off and pick up outside their classrooms in the front playground (by the old bike shed).

- **Miss Ford (Yr2) + Miss Shinn (Yr3) = 8.50 drop off / 3.05 pick up**

Drop off and pick up outside the school hall using the social distancing lines.

- **Mr Marchington (Yr5/6) + Mrs Gardener (Yr6) = 9.00 drop off / 3.15 pick up**

Drop off and pick up outside their classrooms (the hut) using the social distancing lines.

- **HELP US TO KEEP OUR STAFF SAFE-** If you need to speak to a class teacher then please do not do this at the class door. E-mail the school office to book a time to talk to them or leave them a message.

### • Will there be breakfast and afterschool clubs?

There will be breakfast and afterschool club available and this will need to be booked through ParentPay- we cannot take bookings at classroom doors. There will be no free afterschool clubs in the autumn term.

### • Can I come to the school office?

Please do not come to the school office without an appointment. If you have any questions then please e-mail or if you prefer you can ring the school. ParentPay will be working as usual and school dinners and before and after school club can be booked on there. Please email the office if you are having any issues with this rather than waiting to speak to a teacher in school. The school dinner menu for the first week back is attached.

If you have a query not covered in this letter then please e-mail the school so that we can help you.

[Please read the information on the next page about what to do if you child has symptoms](#)

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## **COVID-19 Parent Information Sheet**

➤ Here's what to do **if your child is displaying symptoms** of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Symptoms include:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back.
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- loss or change to their sense of smell or taste – this means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

**If they have one or more symptom you MUST:**

- Take your child and any siblings home immediately.
- Your child (showing symptoms) **must self-isolate for 7 days**
- The rest of household must **self-isolate for 14 days**
- **You should arrange for them to be tested for the coronavirus (COVID-19)**
- You can **use the NHS online service** to help you with any questions you have about coronavirus symptoms or telephone 111

Note: for anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

➤ **Please let the school know the result of the test as soon as you hear.**

If the result is **positive:**

- They must continue to self-isolate for 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school if they don't have symptoms other than a slight cough. They also need to provide details of anyone that they have been in close contact with to the NHS Test & Trace system. The rest of the household should continue to isolate for the full 14 days.

If the test is **negative:**

- Please inform the school. If they feel well and no longer have symptoms then they can return to school.

**If there is a positive case of coronavirus in school within your child's bubble:-**

- We may have to send your child home.
- If sent home then they will need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If during this time they develop symptoms then they should get tested.
- If this is **negative** then they still need to complete the 14 day isolation in case they still develop the virus.
- If it is **positive** then they need to self-isolate for 7 days from the onset of symptoms. Household members do not need to self-isolate unless any member of the household develops symptoms.

Each situation will be different and we will issue further guidance should any of the above situations arise. If your child develops symptoms during school hours then we will ring you for your child to be collected and the above procedure followed. Please get in touch with the school if you have any worries or questions.