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Academic Year 2021-2022 Newsletter 1: Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new academic year and a special welcome to all of our new families and Reception children. Thank you for ensuring children are in the correct uniform / PE kit and look smart and ready to learn. The first few days back at school have been very positive and it has been a pleasure to see all of the children settling back into our routines, keeping our rules and living our values as well as enjoying their new topics as they start their autumn term learning journeys.

This term we are very pleased to welcome three new members of staff to the team: Mrs Galpin (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Roberts (Year 5 Aspen Class Teacher) and Mr Nottage (Sports Coach).

Return to school

Please see the attached leaflet from the government about coming to primary school. It provides a useful overview of the new guidance and expectations following the pandemic so do take the time to read it.

Risk assessment and outbreak management plan

As communicated by Class Dojo before the start of term, our new risk assessment and outbreak management is on our website and can be viewed by going to School Information > Covid-19 > Risk Assessments and Outbreak Management Plan.

Start and end of the day

The rolling start from 8.30 to 8.40am seems to be working well. It is important all families follow the one-way system and any instructions they are given by the marshals on duty. At the end of the day we will stagger entry and as from next week gates will open at 3pm (rather than 2.55pm) to help keep things flowing a bit better and ease congestion. Thank you for your patience and support so that we can do our best to keep everyone safe at these busy times.

Secondary school places

A reminder to all parents of Year 6 pupils that the closing date for secondary school applications is Sunday 31st October. Please contact secondary schools to find out more about their open day



arrangements. Further information can be found on our website by going to News and Events > Letters > Year Group Letters > Year 6.

Medication in school

If sending medication, such as inhalers, into school please ensure they come in the box they were prescribed in and please ensure any medicines are brought in via the front office.

After School Care Club (ASCC)

ASCC is up and running as per our revised policy. ASCC operates from 3-5.30pm Monday to Thursday and 3-5.00pm on a Friday. If you would like your child to attend ASCC please contact the office or ring ASCC on 07521 734333.

Performances

It seems a long time since we have been able to invite parents into school to join us for an assembly or celebration. This year, each year group will hopefully have an opportunity to 'perform' in front of a live audience at different points during the academic year (see below).

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 2
Year 1 Harvest Year 3 Harvest	EYFS Nativity Year 2 Christmas Production	Year 4 Assembly	Year 5 Easter	Year 6 Production

This is so that we can maximise learning time and minimise impact on the curriculum (following the partial closure of schools) and also carefully manage and limit the number of parents coming into the school and hall at any one time.

Further information about each event will be shared with parents in the relevant year groups nearer the time.

Uniform supply

I am sorry to have to inform you that Uniforms Direct (one of our main suppliers of school uniform) is ceasing business at the end of this month. As a result, governors and the senior leadership are in the process of looking for an alternative local supplier and will provide further information and detail around this in due course. In the meantime, logoed uniform can still be purchased from our online supplier Our School Uniform or non-logoed uniform from supermarkets. Next Wednesday 15th September, there will also be a used uniform sale on the Key Stage 1 playground by the hall (weather permitting). Please see the attached letter - I would like to thank Michelle from Uniforms Direct for her hard work and loyalty to our school for the past 15 years and wish her all the very best for the future.

INSET days

As previously published, we have two INSET days this term on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd October. The school year will now finish on Thursday 21st July and not Friday 22nd July due to an additional closure day having been allocated by the government to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

Keeping our community safe

I would like to remind all adults who drive to school to drop off and pick up to do so with consideration.

We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those

who have to drive to school can play their part in keeping our community safe by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey.

If you do have to drive please DON'T:

- Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.

These changes make a real difference to the congestion around school, making the school pick-up / drop-off less stressful and far safer for everyone. As well as the obvious health benefits to walking or cycling, you will be helping your child's education. Research has shown that children who walk or cycle to school are more receptive to learning at the start of the school day than those who travel to school by car.

Most importantly, we expect everyone to act in a calm and polite manner. Aggression and abusive behavior will not be tolerated and will be reported to the Police if observed by or directed at a member of staff. If you witness, or you are a victim of, such behaviour we urge you to do the same.

If you spot anti-social driving we encourage you to note the details of the vehicle and report to Sussex Police at Operation Crackdown www.operationcrackdown.org

Dyslexia Aware Schools Award (DASA)

At the end of last term, we were delighted to achieve the DASA. The Learning and Behaviour Advisory Team identified the following key strengths:

- DASA has been developed across the school at a challenging time but with thorough consideration and excellent practice evident.
- The Inclusion team have developed effective systems for all staff to follow.
- Calm and purposeful classrooms with resources are provided for all children and some are personalised.
- Interventions are in place and monitoring is exemplary, ensuring impact and outcomes are maximised.
- Communication with parents, including information on the school website/newsletter re dyslexia and Class Dojo.

We will be continuing to develop our practice in this area and are really proud to have been able to add the DASA logo to our headed paper. A special well done and thank you to the Inclusion team (past and present) who have worked closely with teaching staff and learning support assistants to gain this award.

I hope you all have a happy and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

Headteacher

Taking your child to primary school: what you need to know



School is the best place for your child to be.

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, children are now able to enjoy more freedom in their education.

Being at school keeps children's education on track, so they can achieve their full potential, while also benefitting their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

We are doing everything we can to ensure your child can continue to attend school.

What COVID-19 measures will change at my child's school?

School will feel different for your child as COVID-19 measures are relaxed.

- Bubbles and staggered start and finish times are no longer advised
- Children can again have breaktimes and lunch together and take part in practical lessons and sports with other classes and year groups
- Face coverings are no longer required for staff or visitors
- Schools are advised to continue with regular handwashing, cleaning regimes, and to keep spaces well ventilated
- If your child is identified as a close contact they will not need to self-isolate
- Schools will have plans in place on what to do if anyone at school tests positive for COVID-19, or if additional measures are needed to be reintroduced for a limited period

Should my child attend school?

Yes, attendance is mandatory. Public Health England and the Government's Chief Medical & Scientific Officers agree that there is a very low risk and rate of severe illness in children from COVID-19.

The benefit of attending school continues to significantly outweigh the COVID-19 health risk to children. If you have concerns, you should discuss these with your school and local authority so that your child is able to continue attending school.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home.

You should arrange for them to get a **PCR test** and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better.

If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test.

They will not have to self-isolate, unless they have a positive PCR test result.

Will my child be vaccinated?

Children at primary school are not being offered the vaccine. Only young people aged 16 to 17 have currently been offered the vaccine, as well as children aged 12 to 15 with specific underlying health conditions or who live with others at increased risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are now also eligible for the vaccine. All school staff have now been offered the vaccine.

If my child was previously considered as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), should they attend school?

Yes. All children who were considered as CEV should have returned to school following the end of shielding measures on 1 April 2021.

Further guidance will be given to parents of children who were previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable where necessary.

Will my child be required to continue any remote learning?

If your child is isolating due to a positive PCR test, schools will continue to implement high-quality remote education so that children can learn from home if they are well enough.

How will my child catch up on any lost learning?

There is lots of support available to help your child catch up on any lost learning over the course of the pandemic or to boost their wellbeing.

To find out more about what's on offer and who's eligible, visit: <https://educationcatchup.campaign.gov.uk/> or speak to your child's school.

For further information and guidance:

- To find out more about what to expect when pupils return to school in September, visit: gov.uk/backtoschool
- How to order a rapid COVID-19 test for asymptomatic testing: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- How to report your rapid COVID-19 test results: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or call 119 (free from mobile or landline)
- How to order a PCR test if you or your child has COVID-19 symptoms: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



Uniforms Direct Sussex Limited

Q U A L I T Y A N D S E R V I C E

10th September 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have supplied Summerlea School and its pupils and families with school uniform for the last 15 years, as a small local family company we have always tried to be helpful and gone above and beyond many other suppliers to make sure that we have offered the absolute best service, value for money and quality that we possibly could.

It is therefore with great regret and sadness that we will no longer be doing so. Various changes in the last few years and the events of the last 18 months mean that it is not viable to continue trading any longer, as is the case for many other small businesses.

We have limited stock left and intend to cease trading at the end of the month.

I personally would like to thank you for your support and custom over the years and it has been a pleasure to supply you and watch your children grow from their first day to their last and see whole families pass through the school wearing our uniform.

Kind regards,

Michelle Howick



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