

## SOUTH WOOTTON INFANT SCHOOL

3<sup>rd</sup> September

### COVID-SECURE PLANS FOR NEW TERM

Dear Parents

We are busy ensuring that the school is ready for re-opening on 7<sup>th</sup> September for all pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and those going into Year 3 at the Junior School. These children will return to their 2019-2020 classes for two weeks during which time we shall be completing transition activities with them. They will find out their new classes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September when the children who are moving on will spend the whole day at the Junior School. The rest of the children will then spend the day in their new classes, getting to know their new classrooms and staff teams.

We have completed an extensive risk assessment to ensure that we are meeting the new health and safety requirements. This is a lengthy document which can be accessed on the school website.

Below is a summary of the main actions we are taking to be COVID compliant.

- Morning routines – to allow for a staggered start to the school day the gates will be open from 8.30 until 9am. Children should be left at the gate and staff will ensure they find their way safely to their classrooms. Please avoid arriving earlier than 8.30am to avoid queues forming.
- **Afternoon routines for the first two weeks** – Fox Cubs and Rabbits finish at 3pm and the other classes at 3.10pm. (Please note that Year 1 classes from 21/09/20 will continue to finish at 3pm so there will be no change for the finishing time for children as they move to their new classes.)
- A one way system will be in place for collection. Entry will be via the front playground as normal and exit will be down the side of the school and through a section of the staff car park. Please leave promptly when you have collected your child and maintain social distancing whilst on the school site. We request only 1 adult comes onto the school site to collect a child.
- Rabbits will continue to go out from the cloakroom and Fox Cubs from the Reception play area gate near the library.
- Owls, Otters and Red Squirrels will be brought out onto the back playground and Hedgehogs onto the front playground via the library.
- Children will only need book bags on Mondays and Fridays.
- No PE bags or other bags should be brought into school.
- Friday will be whole school PE day and children should come dressed in their Fit Friday clothes.
- A named pair of wellington boots will be needed in school for every child.
- Children will be required to sanitise hands on entry to school and will wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We have invested in mobile hand washing units to aid this.
- They will remain in their class/year group bubbles, having different play and lunch times from other year groups.
- Any cash (for meal, milk or Breakfast Club payments) should be brought in a named envelope to reduce cash handling.

- If your child has any symptoms such as a cough or high temperature they should not attend school and you are requested to inform the office as soon as possible.
- If a child becomes unwell during the day with any of these symptoms they will be kept separate from the rest of their bubble and should be collected as soon as possible.

We will spend the first two weeks welcoming the children back into school, establishing new routines around handwashing etc and helping them regain their confidence in the school environment. For some this will be easy, but others will find it more difficult. Teachers will be sending out more information about the curriculum and learning in class in the coming weeks.

We are all very excited about seeing everyone again and look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Yours sincerely

Jo Davenport