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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are very aware that families, both existing and new, have a lot of questions as to how the next academic year will look, when it will start for your child and if/how different it will be.

Unfortunately, as we await further Government advice and guidance we are not in a position to answer all the questions you might have at the moment. That said, we are working hard to plan and prepare as much as we can for the next school year with the information we have available to us; sharing this school brochure with you is part of our preparation. Some of the information contained in the brochure reflects our 'usual' position, such as uniform, term dates and the structure of the school day and we cannot with all certainty know whether this will be the exactly the same when your little one moves into his/her new class.

With regard to school uniform in particular, we are still carefully considering this matter and whether it is feasible or realistic to make this mandatory from the beginning of term. The financial implications for some families to purchase five uniforms, so that they can be changed daily, may be prohibitive and we as a partnership do not want to add to anyone's financial burdens.

With this in mind we are recommending that parents do not purchase anything until advised to do so. We do anticipate an element of uniform in September but are still discussing exactly what this will be. We will take into consideration cost coupled with the requirement to change it daily and once agreed will give you a reasonable amount of time to purchase it.

Any uniform orders already submitted to school have not yet been processed. We will retain and process them in accordance with any decisions that are made.

As with everything surrounding COVID-19 there is a lot of uncertainty so please bear with us as we work through things.

Please do take some time with your little one to take a look at our school website <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/> for a message from your child's teacher under the tab 'New Classes 2020-2021'

Should you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

L Thompson
Headteacher



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