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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: September 2020

As you are no doubt aware, the Government have confirmed that all children will return to full time education as of September 2020. With this announcement comes lots of questions which we hope this letter will be able to answer for you.

First and foremost, I think it important to reassure you once again, that every safety measure possible has and will continue to be taken for our children to return to school. Some will have spent time with us over the last few weeks, perhaps months, and the safety measure we have taken for this to happen will continue.

Secondly, I would also like to assure you that every decision we have made has not been done lightly. With careful consideration and in consultation with staff, we intend to open our doors in September and welcome children into our happy, inspiring and loved school where they can return to their learning with confidence and a smile on their face.

The information below is intended to help you prepare for the forthcoming new academic year. Please regularly check our website at <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/community/> which will take you to the 'New Classes 2020-2021' section for any updates as more information becomes available to us. Day to day information will also continue to be posted on our school and partnership Facebook pages.

#### ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

Returning to school in September is no longer optional, therefore, all children will be expected to do so. As this is a mandatory return, fines will be in place for those failing to do so without good reason.

If your child is unable to return to school in September it is essential you contact our Attendance Officer Mr Trevor Howard on 07849738768 or 01207 232445 to discuss this further.

#### START DATES & TIMES

Our school officially re-opens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. You have been allocated a specific drop off and pick up time which has already been communicated to you. New Reception children will be allocated a time on their first day as explained in the separate letter sent about Reception transition. If you are unsure about the time you have been allocated or if the time allocated is not suitable, please contact Mrs Thompson, Headteacher, before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

#### NEW NURSERY CHILDREN

Children who are brand new to our Nursery in September 2020 have already received a letter outlining their start dates and times. Please contact school should you have any queries about this.

Morning nursery children should be dropped off at Nursery entrance using the one-way system between 8.30am-9am and collected from Nursery entrance at 11.30am using the nursery gate. Please remember social distancing whilst waiting for the nursery gate to open.





Afternoon nursery children should be dropped off at 11.55am-12 noon using the nursery gate and collected at 3pm using the one-way system. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SEND A PACKED LUNCH IN WITH YOUR CHILD. **Don't worry, there will be staff on hand to help you.** Again, please contact school should you have any queries.

Full time children can be dropped off from 8.30am and collected at 3pm from Nursery entrance. Please use the one-way system.

#### RETURNING NURSERY CHILDREN

If you are one of our existing Nursery children who is returning to our Nursery in September, your start date is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.

Morning nursery should attend between 8.30-9am, using the one-way system and collect at 11.30am using the nursery gate. Please remember social distancing whilst waiting for the nursery gate to open.

Afternoon nursery children should be dropped off at 11.55am-12 noon using the nursery gate and collect at 3pm or up until 3.30pm if you have siblings to collect from other classes using the one-way system. Please remember to bring a packed lunch.

Full time children can be dropped off from 8.30am and collected at 3pm from Nursery entrance. Please use the one-way system.

**Don't worry, there will be staff on hand to help you. Again, please contact school should you have any queries.**

#### NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

If you are starting in our Reception classes you will have an email with a letter from the Reception staff giving you details of our transition program taking place over the first few weeks for your child. Please contact school should you have any queries about this.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Please contact us at school before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July if you would like to take advantage of our breakfast club provision or after school provision.

#### DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Unless restrictions change between now and September, you should assume that we will retain our rules around dropping off and picking up your little one, i.e. our one-way system will remain in place, therefore, please adhere to it at all times and only one adult should be on school premises. If you are unsure about how our one-way system works, please see the pictures on our school website. Also, school staff will be on hand in the first few days to help you. Should you need to bring a younger sibling then please ensure they always stay with you.

It is essential that whilst on our school premises you fully adhere to the social distancing guidelines in place at the time of your visit. Please do not gather around the school gate either before or after school as this will cause unnecessary congestion.

Should you need to speak to the Headteacher, unless it is an emergency, please ring school as we are limiting the number of visitors into our school.

As noted earlier, you have been allocated specific drop off and pick up times which has been communicated to you. If you are unsure about the time you have been allocated or if the time allocated is not suitable, please contact Mrs Thompson, Headteacher, before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.





## UNIFORM

We will return to full uniform in September. We feel it important, now more than ever, for our children to feel a sense of belonging and part of our school community and uniform helps us achieve this.

Our uniform consists of:

- A blue jumper or cardigan (with or without the school badge)
- White or blue polo shirt/blouse/shirt
- Dark grey or black trousers with no stripes or logos. (jeans, jogging bottoms or leggings are not permitted in main school but jogging bottoms and leggings are allowed in Nursery)
- Grey or black skirt or blue pinafore
- Any sensible flat sturdy shoes or trainers which are COMPLETELY black (no logos)

It is worth noting that a school badge jumper is not essential so please do not put you family under any financial pressure to purchase one. Should you require a school badge jumper, please order online as follows:

1. LOG ON TO [WWW.TOTSTOTEAMS.COM](http://WWW.TOTSTOTEAMS.COM)
2. CLICK ON TO SCHOOLS AND THEN SEARCH SOUTH STANLEY OR CLICK ON THE S AND SEARCH FOR OUR LOGO.
3. Select to have the items delivered to you at home.

We hold a small stock of uniform in school so if you have any problems in ordering online, please contact us at school.

PE will return to our curriculum in September and so again, children should wear their PE uniform when participating. PE uniform will be provided by school with the exception of **plimsolls which you will be required to provide. Your child's PE uniform** will be sent home at the end of each half term for you to wash and return to school.

All the above uniform items can be purchased locally at ASDA or Matalan.

## SCHOOL MEALS

School meals will operate as normal with the small change that children will eat their lunches in their classrooms rather than in the hall.

If your child has packed lunch, please ensure that any packed lunch box can be easily cleaned and this is done every evening. All children in school are provided with a water bottle and access to water. These water bottles will be kept in school. Our healthy packed lunch guidelines will remain unchanged. Please see our website for details of this.

## TEST & TRACE

It is very important that we control any outbreak of Covid-19 in our school, therefore, should this happen, all staff and children will be required to engage with the Test and Trace process.

Should a member of staff or child develop symptoms whilst in school they will be sent home to self-isolate and are required to undertake a Covid-19 test. To avoid any confusion, this is something you will be required to arrange, school will not do this on your behalf.

If a member **of your child's household tests positive for Covid-19** you have a duty to inform us.

School closures, either full or partial, will only be decided by the Public Health England team who we will liaise with should any of the above occur.





## CONTACT INFORMATION

Please ensure that you let us know if you change either your email address or your telephone number as we will be using both of these methods to communicate key dates and events.

I appreciate there is a lot of information to digest and I have no doubt there will be more as the situation evolves and we near September. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions please contact me via 01207 232445 or via email on southstanleyinfant@durhamlearning.net and I will endeavor to help as much as I can.

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Without it we would not have the amazing school we have. The staff and I cannot wait to have everyone back in September so please work with us to make 2020-21 an amazing year for our children.

Again, please do keep checking our website <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/community/> for regular updates, videos and photographs. We will let you know via text message should there be anything significant added and will of course be in touch should anything change.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Thompson".

Louise Thompson

Headteacher

South Stanley Infant & Nursery School

