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Tuesday 25th August 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to school, however, we are acutely aware that the past 6 months has been a challenging time for everyone and we anticipate that some children (and parents) may be feeling somewhat anxious and uncertain about returning to school.

As a whole staff, we want to reassure you that we **have thought carefully about your child's safety, your safety and the safety of everyone who comes on site.** We have put into place a wide range of safety measures and will continue to adapt and amend them for your child and all members of our school community upon our return to school. Rigorous risk assessments have been undertaken in accordance with Government guidance and these continue to be updated on a regular basis.

It is important to note that our school remains the same welcoming, friendly and happy place it always was, however with some organisational changes. **In accordance with Government guidelines, children will be in class 'bubbles'** (or in the case of Reception children a Reception bubble to ensure the children access all aspects of their curriculum) Children will stay in these bubbles to learn, play, socialise and eat. Where possible, staff will stay within these bubbles but at times it may be necessary for them to move across bubbles to provide cover and to ensure children get access to the full curriculum available to them, however this will be kept to a minimum. Virtual assemblies will take place in the classrooms and playtimes/ lunchtimes will be staggered. **We will keep our 'one way system' for you to drop off and collect your child (please see our school website for a virtual tour of the system)** Inside school we have our one way system in shared areas, clearly labelled with arrows, which will minimise the contact between staff and children from different bubbles. We will be limiting the number of people in the building so unless it is an emergency, Parents and Carers will only be allowed into school by prior arrangement with the Headteacher.

Much of what you will read as you read further you have been given in the letter you received on 8th July, however it is worth reading again to remind yourself of anything you are unsure of. There is also a survey to complete at the end (an explanation of how you can do so, accompanies the survey)

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 2nd 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 specific time on their first day as explained in the separate letter sent about Reception transition. If you have mislaid this letter then please contact Mrs Thompson at school as soon as possible. If you are unsure about the time you have been allocated or if the time allocated is not suitable, please contact Mrs Thompson, Headteacher, as soon as possible this week by ringing school on 01207 232445.



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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 2nd 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 already received 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 as soon as possible should you have any queries about this or have mislaid the letter sent.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

Breakfast club is only available to those parents who have contacted the school and spoken to Mrs Thompson as we have limited places. This will begin on Wednesday 2nd September. Parents with a place are able to drop their children at school between 8am and 8.15am using the main door entrance where a member of staff will be there to greet your child. Please ensure that you are on time as anyone arriving after 8.15am will not be able to be accommodated as staff will be required elsewhere. Please ensure that you follow the one-way system going up and down the main driveway and that you maintain social distancing when waiting for staff to **answer the door**. **Children will eat in their year group 'bubbles'**. **If you require a place at breakfast club for your child and have not spoken to Mrs Thompson already, please contact school as soon as possible.**

At this point in time, we are offering a more limited wraparound provision which is available from the end of the school day until 4:30pm for a charge of £2 (which must be paid in advance to the school office) Please contact the school office if you would



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like to book a place at this and have not done so already. You will need to collect your child from the main entrance. Again, we ask that you ensure that you follow the one-way system going up and down the main driveway and that you maintain social distancing when waiting for staff to answer the door. We hope to extend our provision back to its usual time of 5.30pm as soon as we can do so safely.

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

Our successful one-way system established in June will remain in place, therefore, please adhere to it at all times and only one adult should be on school premises to drop off and collect a child. If you are unsure about how our one-way system works, please see the video on our school website. If you go to the following link <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/community/> and go to your child's class to view the video and other key messages. 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 and will not support social distancing measures.

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, as soon as possible.

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
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 send into school by the Friday of the first week. Your child's PE uniform will be sent home at the end of each half term for you to wash and return to school.

Please spend some time promoting your child's independence in taking off and putting on items of clothing and in managing their own shoes.



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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. We will be operating a new system whereby the children will select their lunch in the morning from an A or B choice. The menu for the start of term will be on our website <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/community/> under your **child's new class. Please do take some time to discuss this with your child. Please also spend some time supporting your child's independence in using a knife and fork.**

If your child has a 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. We respectfully request that you provide items that your child can manage to open easily themselves. 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 will be 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. More information about this can be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

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.

THINGS THAT WILL HELP

There are various ways in which you can support your child in their return to school:

1. Encourage your child to develop good handwashing techniques and prepare them for the expectation that they will wash hands on arrival at school and regularly throughout the day. This is a useful song to remind children how to wash hands correctly and will be used at school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxIOn7KaCNU>
2. **Encourage your child's independence in using a knife and fork, and in putting on and taking off clothing; including encouraging them to manage their shoes themselves as much as they can.**
3. Try to remain positive about the return to school. If your child is feeling somewhat nervous, talk to them and acknowledge that feeling nervous is understandable and that we are all here to support one another.

WELL-BEING SURVEY

Finally, in order for us to be fully prepared to welcome your child back to school, we would like to find out a little bit about their wellbeing and any ways in which we can support them. We would also like to find out about any worries or concerns that you yourself might have in order for us to be better placed to support you to feel comfortable in returning your child to school.

Please could you take the time to complete the survey on the following two pages – there are only seven questions in total. All responses will be treated confidentiality and only shared with staff who will be working with your children. You can send a response via email to the school email address southstanleyinfant@durhamlearning.net drop in a paper copy on 1st September (school is open for a staff training day) or send it in a sealed envelope with your child on their first day back. If you would prefer a hard copy to complete when your child returns to school, please email us to let us know and we will ensure that we send a copy out with your child on their first day.

Finally, can I please reiterate that what makes our school such a welcoming, happy, positive and special place are the people within it; the children, their families and our staff – these things remain unchanged. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school. Should you have any concerns or queries, no matter how big or small, and would prefer to discuss them with me directly, please contact me at school and I will be more than happy to discuss them with you.



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Take care and enjoy the remainder of the holiday.

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Child's Name and Class:

Your Name:

	Good (No concerns)	Fair (You have a few concerns)	Poor	Very Concerning	Comments
1. How would you best describe your child's wellbeing at the following times?					
a) The start of 'lockdown'					
b) Throughout 'lockdown'					
c) During the summer holidays					
d) Now (end of the summer holidays)					
2. Are there any worries regarding the return to school that you or your child have that you would like to make us aware of?					
3. Is your child aware of any family or friends who have contracted COVID-19?					
Yes/ No (please circle). If yes, please provide more information such as how your child reacted to this.					
4. Has your child experienced any bereavement due to COVID-19?					
Yes/ No (please circle). If yes, please provide more information if you are happy to do so.					



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5. Have you sought professional advice regarding your child's wellbeing?

Yes/ No (please circle). If yes, please provide more information such as who from eg GP.

6. Is there any other information that you feel it is important to share with us?

Please send your responses to school via email, by telephone, with your child on the first day back or by emailing to request a hard copy to be sent out with your child on their first day at school.



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