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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Re: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

As you are no doubt aware, the Government have confirmed that all children will return to full time education as of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. 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 of you will have spent time in school since January 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 taken lightly. It is with careful consideration and in consultation with staff, that we intend to welcome all children and families into our wonderful school where children can return to their learning with confidence and a smile on their face.

The information below is intended to help you prepare to return your child to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March and should be read carefully.

### **ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL**

Returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March is not optional, therefore, all children will be expected to return. 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 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for whatever reason, it is essential you contact us at school on 01207 232445 to discuss this further.

We will send out a copy of our Parent Attendance Policy booklet on the 8<sup>th</sup> March as a reminder of some key points.

### **DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FOR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2**

We will again be operating our one-way system around school with staggered drop offs and collections. Your drop off and collection times will be communicated to you via text message on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. These times may not be the same as the times you had in Autumn term so please ensure that you contact us if you do not receive a text message. If you have children at another school and the time you have been allocated clashes in any way with their allocated times, please contact school before Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March as we can be flexible, provided you inform us in advance.

Your child will return to being dropped off and collected from their usual class door; the same door that they used prior to the January lockdown. If you are unsure as to which class your child is usually in, please contact us at school.



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## DROP OFF AND COLLECTION FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

Nursery children will return to their usual sessions from March 8<sup>th</sup>. If your child attended during the morning sessions prior to the January lockdown then they will return to morning sessions and likewise, if your child attended afternoon Nursery sessions prior to this lockdown, they will revert to their usual session. If this is a concern, please contact school as soon as possible to discuss.

**Morning nursery** should be dropped off between 8.40-8.55am using the one-way system and collected between 11.30-11.40am using the nursery gate. Please remember social distancing whilst waiting for the nursery gate to open.

**Afternoon nursery** children should be dropped off between 12-12.10pm using the nursery gate and collected at 3pm using the one-way system, or up until 3.15pm if you have siblings to collect from other classes. Please remember to bring a packed lunch.

**Full time children can be dropped off between 8.30-8.40am 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.

## BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

If your child has been attending breakfast club during the current lockdown then please assume that your child can continue to attend. If your child has not been attending school during this current lockdown and you would like to attend our breakfast club or after-school provision, you will need to contact school and let us know.

## RULES AROUND DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP

The expectations around being on the school premises when dropping off and picking up your little one remain in place. These are there for the safety of everyone. As a school we will not tolerate any deliberate disregard for these. As a reminder they include the following important points:

1. Our one-way system remains in place and ALL parents must adhere to it including those dropping off at Class 5. If you are unsure about how our one-way system works, please see the video on our school website in your child's class section.
2. Only one adult should be on school premises to drop off and/or collect. Should you need to bring a younger sibling then please ensure they always stay with you.
3. 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.
4. Please do not gather around the school gate, either before or after school, as this will cause unnecessary congestion.
5. You MUST wear a mask or face covering at all times when on site. This could be a mask or a scarf or similar. Anyone who is medically exempt must contact Mrs Thompson, Headteacher in advance of 8<sup>th</sup> March. Staff will not be able to discuss anything with you should you not be wearing a face covering and will report anyone not wearing a face covering to the Headteacher.

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.



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## HOMEWORK

From 8<sup>th</sup> March full return, we will be sending homework out in paper form only and will no longer be using Teams to provide homework. Your child's homework will be sent out on a Thursday and MUST be returned on a Monday. This is to ensure that staff have sufficient time to mark homework, give any feedback and prepare the following week's homework.

## READING BOOKS

From 8<sup>th</sup> March full return, we will return to our previous system of reading books being returned to school every Monday and Thursday.

IT IS ESSENTIAL that you return books on these days as books need to be quarantined before being sent out. Book bags should only be sent in on Mondays and Thursdays when reading books and homework are returned.

We will continue with our repeat reading and with our Reading Cloud Rewards to reward children who read regularly at home. An explanation of these are inside the front and back covers of your child's reading record book. Please let us know if you are still unsure about this.

**If your child still has their book bag, homework book and reading record or reading books at home, please send them back into school with your child on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

## REMOTE LEARNING PACKS

If your child has any remote learning packs still at home, please send them back into school with your child on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## UNIFORM

Children will be expected to attend wearing school uniform. We feel it is 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.

As a reminder, 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)



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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 continue to take place and 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 some children will eat their lunches in their classrooms rather than in the hall. Your child will continue to choose their lunch from the menu in the morning. Once arranged by Taylor Shaw, menus can be accessed on our school website in your child's class section.

If your child has packed lunch, please ensure that any packed lunch box sent in can be easily cleaned and this is done every evening. All children in school are provided with a water bottle and access to water so there is no need to send a water bottle into school. These water bottles will be kept in school and are sterilised daily. 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. You are required to inform us of the result and provide evidence of your child's Covid test result.

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 be decided in conjunction with the Public Health England and Local Health Protection 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.



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I appreciate there is a lot of information to digest and I have no doubt there will be more information to share with you as we near March 8<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions please contact me via 01207 232445 or via email on [southstanleyinfant@durhamlearning.net](mailto: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 welcome everyone back to school so please work with us to make our return to a full school a fantastic experience for us all.

Should you have any individual concerns around your child's return to school that you feel we should be aware of, please contact Mrs Thompson at school and we will be very happy to discuss things with you.

Again, please do keep checking our website <http://www.southstanley-inf.durham.sch.uk/community/> or our school Facebook page, 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,

Louise Thompson

Headteacher

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