



South Stanley Junior School
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the summer break. We are excited to welcome all of our children back on Thursday 2nd September and this newsletter aims to outline our school organization for the new academic year. Our COVID risk assessment has been amended and we continue to follow Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England Guidance.

We are taking a gradual approach to returning to 'normality' at school and I would like to assure you that we will continue to respond to emerging issues and prioritise pupil and staff wellbeing.

COVID Risk Assessment

1. There will be no strict bubble system in place and pupils may mix (on a limited basis) with children from other year groups.
2. At the start of the day, pupils will sanitise/ wash their hands as well as after break times and lunchtimes.
3. Ventilation of classrooms and indoor spaces will be prioritised. Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
4. We will continue to have a rigorous daily cleaning schedule.
5. The one-way system for entering and leaving school will remain in place as this is much safer for all.
6. After school clubs will restart in September (more information to follow).
7. Assemblies in school will still be held on 'Teams' (rather than face to face). This will be reviewed at the end of September.
8. Where possible, parents are kindly requested to continue to use email or telephone to contact us at school rather than coming in person to the school office. Where necessary, face to face meetings with school staff are permitted to take place but this will be in an outdoor space and with both parties wearing masks (unless medically exempt).

The School Day

Year 3, 4 and 6: start at 8:40 and finish at 3:00

Year 5: start at 8:45 and finish at 3:10

Breakfast Club

If your child had a place at breakfast club last year, they will automatically get a place allocated for this year. If you do not require your place then please get in touch. Similarly, if you now require a place, please also get in touch with the school office ASAP and we can arrange this for you.



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School Uniform

At South Stanley Junior School pupils are required to wear a school uniform at all times. Branded uniform is available online at: <https://studentuniform.co.uk/ssj011/> (we no longer stock uniform at school), but unbranded jumpers/ cardigans are also welcomed and are available locally.

Our Uniform is composed of:

- Blue/ white shirt/ blouse/ polo shirt
- Plain black or grey trousers (no stripes or logos. Jeans, jogging bottoms and leggings are **not** permitted)
- Plain black or grey skirt/ pinafore dress
- Royal blue/ navy sweatshirt/ cardigan
- Any sensible flat, sturdy shoes or trainers which are completely black (no logos)

Please note, alternative clothing/ shoes will be provided for those pupils who are not wearing the correct uniform so we ask that you get in touch with us at school if you have any issues with providing the correct uniform.

Home Reading

At some point this week, pupils will bring home a new reading book and plastic folder. These are to be returned to school every week on Monday and Thursday to be changed. Our school expectation is that children read at least three times each week and there are rewards in place for children who do this regularly. Similarly, there are sanctions for children who do not bring their reading folder back to school on the allocated days. Please help your child by reminding them to bring in their folder on Monday and Thursday and by reading with them and writing in their reading journal.

PE

Once again, we will be providing all children with a PE T-shirt and shorts using our 'Sports Premium' funding. Please ensure that you have provided a pair of trainers or other suitable shoes for your child to wear during PE and that these are clearly named.

School Meals

The price of school meals has now increased to £2.15 daily which is payable in advance using Parentpay. Please contact the school office if you have not yet set up your child's Parentpay account. It is always worth checking if your child is eligible for free school meals as this also generates additional funding for us as a school. Please contact the school office if you would like us to run a free school meal check for you.

Walking Home Alone and Mobile Phones

As it is the start of a new school year, we ask that all parents/ carers complete new consent forms in relation to the above. These forms are available to collect from the school office during the training day on 1st September or on the first morning of school (2nd September). Please note, children will not be permitted to walk home alone until this paperwork has been completed. We ask that parents/ carers think very carefully before allowing children to walk home alone and give consideration to the maturity and behavior of individual children.



I look forward to seeing you and your children when we return to school on Thursday 2nd September. Please get in touch by email on p2226.admin@durhamlearning.net if you have any questions or concerns about your child returning to school.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "RBell". The letters are cursive and connected.

Mrs Bell