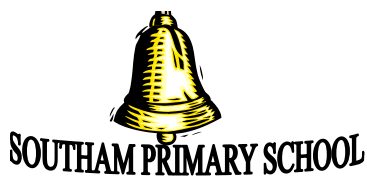


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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been so lovely to see all the children back at school. The children have returned to school keen and eager and have the new routines in their stride. Thank you for all the support that you have given to the children.

Thank you for the feedback that you have given to me about the systems that we have out in place, in particular with drop off and collection of your children. Your feedback has enabled us to make amendments to make the systems run even smoother.

Whilst we have a series of measures in place to help mitigate the risk of transmission in school we require all members of the school community to continue to work together for these to be as effective as possible. Here are a few key reminders of how you can help:

- Encourage your child to maintain social distancing outside of school.
- Children to bring the minimum number of items to school – reading book, lunch box, water bottle
- Inform the school promptly if your child is having a test for COVID-19.

#### Symptoms in at home

If your child develops **any** of the following symptoms whilst at home please do not send them into school and arrange a COVID-19 test. These symptoms are:

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

If your child has **none** of the symptoms above but has a runny-nose or sore throat they may attend school if they feel well enough.

If any member of your household has these symptoms, then all the household needs to self-isolate until a test is taken and the results have been received.

#### Symptoms in school

If your child displays any of the above COVID-19 symptoms whilst in school you will be required to collect them (and any siblings that are in your household). We require all children that are sent home with symptoms of COVID-19 to have a test.

The school must be informed of the result, if negative your child can return to school immediately. If positive, your child must remain in isolation for 10 days from when they developed symptoms (or longer if they still have a temperature at day 10). For any positive tests we will contact you to get the names of who your child has interacted with,

within 2 meters, over the last 48 hour period. This will support our other measures of contact tracing in school and allow us to inform other parties that are required to isolate. If a test result is returned as unclear then a second test must be arranged.

Details on arranging a test can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

#### Sending students home to self-isolate

In the event of a member of our school community testing positive for COVID-19 we will contact you if your child needs to self-isolate for 14 days due to being a 'close contact'. 'Close contacts' will be identified based on proximity and time spent in close contact to the person that has tested positive. If you are contacted to inform you that your child needs to isolate, there is no need for the rest of your household to isolate unless someone in the household develops symptoms. Work will be provided for student who are self-isolating via Class Dojo.

In the case of a positive test within our school community we will inform all parents via Class Dojo so that you are aware of the actions taken, after contacting 'close contacts'.

#### Out of hours school contact

If your child is required to have a COVID-19 test and you receive the results outside of school opening hours, please **email me**, [Emma.Longworth@stovevalley.com](mailto:Emma.Longworth@stovevalley.com) with your child's name and the details of their results.

We appreciate that the demand for tests nationally is high currently and appreciate your patience in arranging this as required. If you need any further support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

#### Bringing Our Children Together With Art

The children currently have limited access to the children in the other classes. It is important that children still identify themselves as a member of Southam Primary School. So, over the first few weeks of term the children have been taking part in a range of art activities, which have contributed to a whole school piece of work. The first piece of work is a hand design. All the children drew around their hand and then decorated it. The designs have been displayed around the work that some of our key worker children created in the summer.

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### **School Uniform**

I have a number of really good pieces of uniform in a variety of sizes that have been donated to the school. If you would like to take advantage and pick up some of these items, please let me know.

### **Before and After School Club**

Thank you for your support in understanding with the changes we have had to make to the before and after school club booking system. Without these changes we would not have been able to have run the clubs.

Now that the Sunny days team are back, please could you contact the team with any queries that you have.

Their contact details are:

07591980353

This phone is answered throughout the day.

[sunnydaysclub@yahoo.com](mailto:sunnydaysclub@yahoo.com)

We will be running the same system for booking places for the before and after school clubs for the second half of the autumn term. Booking forms will be made available once our reception children have started school full time. I will confirm the date and time that the booking forms will go live over the next few weeks.

### **School Photographs**

We have the school photographer booked on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September to come into school next week to take individual photographs of the children.

The photographer will be adhering to all our Covid regulations and will always be at least 2 metres away from children and staff.

If you have more than one child in school, your children be photographed together as they are in the same household. Children who do not live in the same household will not be

photographed together.

Unfortunately, on this occasion we will not be able to accommodate families bringing non primary age children into school to have their photograph taken.

**School Lunches** The price of a child's school lunch is £2.30. Payment can be made via ParentPay or by cash or cheque – which should be made payable to Southam Primary School (WCC). Costs for this term/ year are:

Per lunch £2:30, per week: £11.50, year: £437

Autumn Half term 1 £85.10, Half term 2 £78.20, Autumn Term £163.30

Spring Half term 1 £66.70, Half term 2 £66.70, Spring Term £133.40

Summer Half term 1 £66.70, Half term 2 £73.60, Summer Term £140.30

As the children are having their lunches in the classroom, we are able to offer children a hot or cold deli bag option for lunch. The lunch menus can be found on our school website.

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/lunch-menu>

### **2020- 2021 Academic Year**

#### **Autumn Term 2020**

1st September - Staff training day

2nd September - Children return to school

23rd October- Staff training day, children not in school

26th- 30th October- Half Term

2nd November- Staff training day, children not in school

3rd November - Children return to school

18th December- Last day of term

#### **Spring Term 2021**

4th January- staff training day, children not in school

5th January- Children return to school

15th - 19th February- Half Term

1st April - Last day of term

#### **Summer term 2021**

19th April- Children return to school

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

31st May- 4th June- Half Term

7th June - staff training day, children not in school

8th June Children return to school

21st July- Last day of term

<https://www.southamprimary.com/parents/term-dates>

Have a lovely weekend.

Emma Longworth