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Dear Parents and Carers

Re-Opening of Schools

On Monday, the Government confirmed that all children will return to school on **Monday 8th March**.

Following the Government's announcement, we are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on the 8th March. I would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child's learning during these challenging times.

All of the measures that both yourself and your child were familiar with during the Autumn Term, will remain in place when all children return to school.

Staggered Starts and Finishes:

To ensure social distancing is observed, each year group's allocated drop off and pick up times will remain in place. To also maintain social distancing, the one-way system will also remain. Parents and children will enter the school from the Church Lane entrance (via the main car park) and leave via the Orchard Way exit.

In addition to this:

- we request that only one parent drops off or picks up their child(ren) to minimise the number of adults on the school grounds,
- when collecting your child(ren) please observe social distancing,
- each group has a designated entry and pick up point into the building,
- all play equipment remains out of bounds for all children at the beginning and end of the school day.

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Group	Arrive	Collect	Entrance
EYFS	8:50 – 9:00am	3:20pm	EYFS doors
Year 1	8:30 – 8:40am	3:05pm	Year 1 Class doors
Year 2	8:40 – 8:50am	3:15pm	Year 2 Class doors
Year 3	8:40 – 8:50am	3:15pm	Year 3 steps
Year 4	8:30 – 8:40am	3:05pm	Year 4 steps
Year 5	8:40 – 8:50am	3:15pm	Key Stage 2 entrance
Year 6	8:30 – 8:40am	3:05pm	Key Stage 2 entrance

Wearing Masks on the School Site:

In keeping each other safe, we are asking that all adults that attend the school site continue to wear face coverings. Within the school, all members of staff wear face coverings when moving around the school.

School Uniform and Resources Between Home and School:

To limit the number of items coming into school, pupils will continue to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days. These remain the same days from the Autumn Term. Your child's PE kit must be in line with the school's uniform policy which can viewed here:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Uniform-Policy-2019.pdf>

Reading books, will still be exchanged and be used in school and at home.

Supporting Your Child Returning to School:

To support your child in returning to school from the 8th March, we are running live meetings via Google Meet. For pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1, you will be sent your child's username, password and Google Classroom code via Class Dojo. To support you in accessing this platform, please view the [video](#) on the school's website.

In addition to this, you can also view the school's returning to school video on the [website](#) and share the recommended books.

If you have any concerns regards your child's return to school, please contact myself, Mrs Bush or Mrs Greatorex through Class Dojo or by contacting the school office. Our aim is to ensure the transition between home and school is a positive one for all children.

We are aware that the return to school after such a challenging time will be difficult for some children; therefore, PSHE and our whole school text '*The boy, the mole, the fox and horse*', will form part of the children's learning for first week.

On Friday 12th March, each class will have a virtual workshop with *Just Different*. During the interactive workshop, pupils will learn and about disability and differences.

From 15th March, pupils across the school will participate in disability sports in PE including Goal Ball, Boccia and New Age Kurling.

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Responding to an infection:

At South Bersted, we expect all members of the school community to engage in the Government's Test and Trace process. If a child or family member is displaying symptoms of COVID- 19:

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

they **must not and nor should their sibling** come into school and **must** get tested for COVID – 19:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

In responding to a positive case, parents and carers will be notified and asked to follow clear guidance and isolate if they or their child has been identified as a close contact.

If your child is isolating, their learning will be posted via Class Dojo (EYFS, Years 1 and 2) or Google Classroom (Key Stage 2).

Finally:

I would like to thank you for your on-going support during these times and look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely



Mr Noel Goodwin
Headteacher

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