

# South Bersted CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Updates for the start of Autumn 2021

I hope that this letter finds you, your family and friends well and rested. At South Bersted Church of England Primary School, we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school for the start of the new academic year, which begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

For those children and families starting school in Early Years, Penguin Class, we look forward to meeting you during your allocated Meet and Greet Sessions with Miss Stanton.

### Starting School for the First Time:

A reminder that if your child is starting school for the first time and will be joining our Penguin Class, you can access a video from Miss Stanton regards the EYFS setting and concepts your child will be learning. These videos can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

### Start and Finish Times:

From 6<sup>th</sup> September, the gates will open at **8.40am** and will close at **8.55am**. At the end of the school day, the gates will open at **3.05pm** and all parents and carers are expected to collect their children at **3:15pm**.

In addition to this, the one-way system will also remain in place. Parents and children must enter the school via the Church Lane entrance (by the main car park) and should leave via the Orchard Way exit.

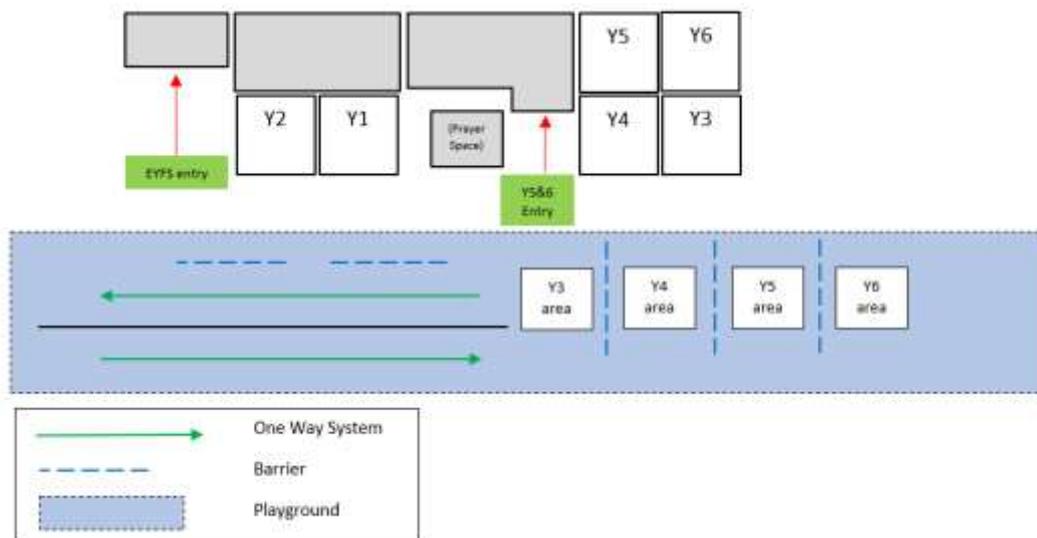
Group	Entrance	Collection
EYFS	EYFS doors	Outside EYFS
Year 1	Key Stage 1 central doors	Outside the Year 1 Classroom
Year 2	Key Stage 1 central doors	Outside the Year 2 Classroom
Year 3	Year 3 steps	Outside the Year 3 Classroom
Year 4	Year 4 steps	Outside the Year 4 Classroom
Year 5	Key Stage 2 entrance	By the outside Prayer Space
Year 6	Key Stage 2 entrance	On the playground

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### Collection Points:

To reduce the flow of people, the designated collection areas will remain in place. Whilst waiting for your child please wait in the allocated areas, to ensure the route in and out of the school remains clear.



**A reminder that no children should be using the playground equipment before or after school.**

### Books to Support Your Child:

If your child has questions regards their return to school related to COVID-19, there are a number of texts that you can share with your child, details are available on our website:

<https://www.southbersted.co.uk/news/covid-19/>.

### PE Days/Kits:

In September, pupils should continue to arrive at school in PE kit on their allocated PE days. For PE, children are expected to wear:

- *Their school jumper or cardigan (with school logo),*
- *A PE t-shirt in their correct house colour (with logo),*
- *Blue shorts or black tracksuit bottoms,*
- *Trainers*

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, PE days for each year group will be as follows:

Year Group	PE Days
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday and Tuesday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

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### Home Learning:

Home Learning will continue to be set via Class Dojo and Google Classroom. Home Learning will begin from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Pupils moving into Year 3 will be taught how to access their Google account in September. To deepen your understanding of this platform, you can watch a tutorial by Mr Thorn [here](#).

### Summer Challenges:

It has been wonderful to see a number of posts on Class Dojo of children and adults engaging in our Summer Challenges. The children's Flat Stanley's have certainly had some wonderful experiences over the summer holiday.

A reminder that children should bring in any of their work on their return to school. This includes any work that has been completed from the Key Concept Grids and any certificates that children have received at part of the West Success Summer Reading Challenge [Wild World Heroes](#).

A reminder that there are still a number of days for pupils to access Accelerated Reader, Numbots and Times Table Rockstars.

### Control Measures:

Within the school, and in line with Government guidance, we have a number of control measures in place in accordance with our Risk Assessment.

### Face Coverings:

It is personal choice for people who arrive at the school to wear a face covering; however, we will still encourage adults to wear a face covering whilst within the school grounds. If cases within the local area increase, then we would ask all adults visiting the school to wear a face covering.

### Hygiene:

Pupils will continue to wash their hands-on arrival to school and before they leave school at the end of the school day. This is a routine that the children are familiar with and will be maintained.

### Symptoms of COVID -19:

Children should not come into school if they have symptoms or had a positive test result. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- *a high temperature,*
- *a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours,*
- *a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal,*

If a child begins to display symptoms at school, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child.

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### Self - Isolation:

From **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August**, the rules on self-isolation changed.

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS,
- you are under 18 years, 6 months old,
- you are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial,
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

### Close Contacts:

Close contacts will be identified through Test and Trace who will contact the individual or parent. If someone is identified as a close contact through test and trace, that person is advised to book and take a PCR test.

If you have any questions regarding arrangements for September, please contact the school office.

I look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Yours sincerely



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