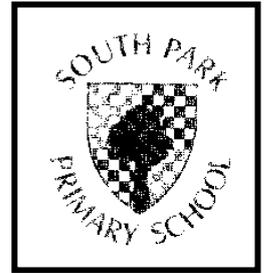


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South Park Primary and Nursery



Hello to all our children, families and staff,

I am delighted to be writing with lots of information to welcome you back to our school and nursery. All our staff like me are very excited about seeing you all and have been working hard to put new routines in place to ensure your safe return to school and nursery.

As announced by South Lanarkshire Council children will return to school using a phased approach. This means children can settle into our new way of working and have plenty time to adjust. It also means children, families and staff can adapt any procedures as necessary.

Before the summer break videos were posted online to allow children and families to familiarise themselves with all the new arrangements. Please take time to watch the relevant films to you and your children. The drop off and pick up arrangements still stand as described in the films. The link for our youtube channel will be included at the end of this letter and can also be found on the website.

I apologise now for the length of this letter but the following information should help answer any questions or issues you may have.

First Week Back...

Wednesday 12th August 9am P1 Only

If your child was due to be in school Mondays and Tuesdays they should arrive at school at **9am on Wednesday 12th August.**

If your child was due to be in school Thursday and Fridays they should arrive at school at **9.30am on Wednesday 12th August.**

The pick up arrangements for Wednesday and procedures for the P1 children for the Thursday will be discussed with all parents/carers on

arrival to their first day of school. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all and you will have the opportunity to take photographs and be part of your child's special day. Please remember to bring the heart for our South Park Tree.

Thursday 13th August

P1, P2 and P3 children only to attend school.

P1 to enter through their classroom door

P2 to enter through the Open area door

P3 to enter through the P3 cloakroom door.

As this will be a big day for all our young children we think it would be easier and beneficial for our children to be accompanied by their parent/carer to their drop off door. Staff will be there to welcome the children and guide them through the new procedures. This arrangement will only be for the first day back to help ease and support transition back to school. Could I please remind all adults that social distancing should be adhered to when in the playground.

For pick up classes will exit from the main entrance from 2.50pm.

You will have an allocated zone for each class in front of the building. Please stand socially distanced in this area and your child will be brought to you. Classes will be dismissed in order from **2.50pm for P1** **2.55pm for P2** and **3pm for P3**.

Friday 14th August

Nursery returning children only to attend

P4, P5, P6 and P7 children only to attend school

Children should arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am and enter the building through the following doors. Children will not stay in the playground but will enter the building as they arrive every day.

P4 Back Stairwell 1 door

P5 Dining Hall door

P6 Back Stairwell 2 door

P7 Back Stairwell 2 door

P4 -P7 will leave the building at 3pm via their assigned exit. If you are collecting your child please ensure you adhere to social distancing measures and remain outside the playground. Zones will be allocated to each year group to assist with collection and enable social distancing to be easier. You will be shown the zones by staff on your arrival for pick up on Friday afternoon.

Nursery

Only returning nursery children will start back on Friday 14th August. The drop off arrangements are per the video which details each group entrance to our nursery. Staff will be there to welcome our children on the Friday at 9am. Please do not arrive early as we need to ensure that we can maintain social distancing for adults and our P4-P7 children are arriving from 8.45-8.55am. All new children coming to join our nursery have been called and emailed a start date and we ask that you stick to this allocated date. Keyworkers will contact their groups during the day on either Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th to ensure procedures are clear and answer any queries you may have regarding transition back to our nursery.

Week Beginning 17th August

All children to attend school and nursery from now on. To aid social distancing and ensure our children are kept safe and happy we are introducing a staggered start and finish to the school day.

P4-P7 should arrive at school from 8.45-8.55am each day and go straight into their classroom through their assigned entrance. P4-P7 will be dismissed at 3pm each day.

P1-P3 and nursery children should arrive at school from 9am-9.10am and will enter via their assigned door. P1-P3 pick up times will be from 2.50pm to 3pm as intimated above. Nursery children can be picked up at 3pm using the same procedures as drop off.

To enable us to implement social distancing at pick up times we are hoping to use the disabled parking bays outside the front of the school. If you require a parking space as you are a blue badge holder could you please contact me at the school so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Playtimes, Lunchtime and Breakfast Club

To ensure children have time and space to wash their hands prior to going out, coming in and eating lunch or snack we have staggered the playtimes and lunchtimes. They are as follows:

Break 1 10.15-10.30am P6, P4 and P3

Break 2 10.40-10.55am P7, P5, P2 and P1

Dining Hall Sittings 11.30-12 Nursery

12-12.30 P3, P4 and P6

12.45-1.15pm P1, P2 P5 and P7

The authority have advised that our breakfast club will not resume straight away however it is hoped to reinstate this service in September.

School Uniform, School Bags and Lunch Bags

The guidance has now changed and children can bring in school bags to school. Please ensure these are wiped down each morning before coming into school. The children will either put their bag under their table for P4-P7 or hang them on their coat peg for P1-P3. Please do not bring toys in from home and we will provide each child with pencil cases and stationary as intimated in June. In your child's school bag they may bring a filled water bottle clearly labelled and their PE kit. Please do not bring PE bags as these cannot be left in school. The PE kits, including trainers or gym shoes, will come back and forward each day which enables you to clean the kits after being worn. Until our new routines are established children will not be required to change their shoes in the morning but will need to change their footwear for PE.

School uniform should be worn and South Park hoodies are acceptable to be worn as we hope to be outside as much as possible in the coming weeks. Packed lunch boxes will be kept inside the school bags and not placed on trolleys as was our previous routine. Please ensure the lunch boxes have an ice pack and are clearly labelled with your child's names and class.

I know this is a lot of information but please be assured we have tried to think of everything to ease your transition back to our South Park Community. I am

sure there will be many questions but please bear with us and we will work together to adjust any procedures that need improved, removed or adapted.

Again thank you everyone for your continued support and we very much look forward to welcoming you all back to South Park.

Take care and stay safe,

Kirsty McNeil.

The following link will take you to all of our information videos.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe-0qxkrQshLD9WbhuvbEKw>