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Information Update March 2021

Returning to School

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our P4-P7 children back to the school building on Monday 15th March. As you can appreciate with our whole school being back together, it is going to become very busy and therefore it is important that we all read and follow the guidance below. Adhering to this guidance will hopefully help reduce the risks for our whole school community. If you have any suggestions to improve this guidance, please contact me at the school.

Drop off for P4-P7 and siblings 8.45-8.55am

Drop off P1-P3 9am-9.10am Nursery 9am

When you bring your child to school by car please encourage your child, where possible, to come out of the car and walk themselves to meet staff at the side entrance gate to the playground. This will help minimise too many people on pathways and ensure we can all socially distance safely. Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the road as this is obviously very dangerous. If walking your child to school please maintain your distance at all times from all other adults and leave the school grounds promptly. **As clearly announced by Nicola Sturgeon, it is essential that parent/carers do not socialise with those outside their household.** Please ensure you adhere to this, especially at drop off and pick times.

ONLY P4-P7 and younger siblings should arrive at school at 8.45 -8.55am. The car park does not have the capacity to have all classes arrive at school at 9am so it is essential you adhere to

the staggered start and finish times. We must be able to socially distance and for us to do this we have to control the amount of cars and people outside the front of the school.

Pick Up P1-P3 2.50pm Nursery 2.50pm

The P1-P3 children will be brought out a class at a time as was previous practice. P1 will be brought out sharp at 2.50pm followed by P2 and then P3. Classes will only be dismissed once the class before has dispersed so again, I reiterate the need for you to pick up and leave promptly. The nursery children will be brought out at 2.50pm. Nursery parents without school siblings please queue up as before up the path on the clearly marked white two metre markings.

To ensure we mitigate all risks parent/carers **MUST NOT** congregate at the school gates. A new walkway has been created next to the nursery queue. Please make sure you use this walkway when leaving the school as it allows for 2m distancing. Please do not overcrowd pathways.

P4-P7 and Siblings Pick up 3pm

After the nursery and P1-P3 children have been dismissed and vacated the school grounds, the P4-P7 children will be dismissed a class at a time. This means that P4 at 3pm followed by P5 then P6 and realistically P7 by 3.05pm. **To ensure we all stay safe DO NOT come to pick up P4-P7 or younger siblings earlier than 3pm.** There will be no car park spaces until P1-P3 and nursery children have been collected and left the car park. If you can walk to school then please do so as this will help ease congestion and make it safer for all our children, staff and families.

Health and Wellbeing

If your child is unwell you must keep them at home. This includes coughs, high temperatures and sickness.

Physical Education

PE lessons are not being held indoors yet. Children will be notified through google classroom when their PE day is. We will try as much as possible to stick to regular days on a weekly basis but as I'm sure you can appreciate this continues to depend very much on the weather forecast. When teachers notify classes that they are going out for PE the expectation is that the children will come dressed ready as there are no changing facilities in school at the moment. The kit should be trainers, polo shirt, joggers/ leggings and hoodie or school jumper plus suitable waterproof jacket with hood.

Change of Shoes

Could you please put a change of shoes either gym shoes or trainers for your child to change into in their school bags. This means if the children are wearing wellies or if their shoes get wet or muddy, they have a change of shoes with them. We are not going to routinely change shoes daily but will do so if required so having a named pair of gym shoes would be much appreciated.

Break and Lunch

As we have the whole school back we will revert to the original break and lunchtime routines which are detailed below;

P3,P4 and P6 Break 10.15-10.35

P1,P2, P5 and P7 Break 10.40-11

Nursery Lunch 11.30-12

P3,P4 and P6 Lunch 12-12.45

P1,P2, P5 and P7 Lunch 12.30-1.15pm

Class Bubbles and Reducing Risk

When in school, children remain in their class bubbles at all times. It is essential at the end of the day that children do not mix and play with children from other class bubbles as this defeats the purpose of us remaining so vigilant within the school. It is very disheartening for us to witness children mixing immediately on leaving the school building. Please help us to keep our whole community safe by supporting us with only allowing children to mix with their own class bubbles.

F A C T S at South Park

All adults must wear **Face Coverings** when dropping off and picking up your children.

Please do not come early to pick up your children as this means you will **AVOID** the car park and pick up zones becoming overcrowded.

When entering and exiting the building the children are **CLEANING** their hands, please reinforce this practice at home.

At all times please adhere to **TWO METRE** distance from all other adults.

If you or your child display any symptoms **SELF ISOLATE** and let the school know.

At South Park we aspire to REACH excellence in all that we do