

# SOUTHBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 04 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Welcome Back!

It was so lovely to see our children back in school yesterday. After such a long and challenging time, it was wonderful to see so many excited faces in the playground and to walk around the school during the day and see the children ready and eager to learn.

### Covid 19

We would want to reassure parents that we are following all Government advice about keeping the children and staff safe during the ongoing pandemic. We fully understand it is a stressful and worrying time for everyone but you will have all seen on the news that the Government is confident children will be safe in school. It has also reinforced the message that children must attend school every day unless they are unwell. The Government guidance for schools states that:

- pupils do not come into the school if they have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days
- the main symptoms are a new and persistent cough, or a high temperature of 37C or over, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell
- anyone developing those symptoms during the school day will be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus
- if they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms
- other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

\*Please note that if your child is having to self-isolate at home then the school has home learning packs ready and available. We ask that a relative or friend who **does not** live in the same household collects the pack from the school office and posts it through your letterbox for you.

This period brings difficulties and inconveniences for everyone. We appreciate that our families are understanding of this and recognise that children and staff safety is very important to us. Everyone is getting used to our staggered entry system, details of which are available on our website. We fully appreciate this means some parents have to walk round from Swansea Road to Glyn Road and that sometimes children in the same family will be starting or leaving school at the same time but in two different places. Please be assured that in these circumstances children will not be marked late and that at the end of school an adult will wait with them until they are collected.

Please help us ensure this runs smoothly and safely by making sure you are on time for your first pick up and that you are keeping a safe distance from other parents while waiting. We understand this is hard but please also make sure you leave as soon as your child has been collected by their teacher. This is really important as we have allocated slots for each year groups and as soon as your child has entered school/been collected, the next set of parents will need to be able to drop off/collect their child.

We will be keeping children within their class/year group bubbles as much as possible. The Government has advised that there is no need for primary aged pupils to social distance. To avoid any large gatherings in the hall, assemblies are currently taking place in the classrooms, and at lunchtime children are eating lunch in their classrooms. If your child is usually school dinners, they will be provided with a cold packed lunch which will be delivered to the classrooms. We are unable to offer any after school clubs at this time as we cannot mix the pupils over too many bubbles. If you would like to read our Risk Assessment for more information about the safety measures in place, this can be found on our school website under 'News & Events'.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are hoping to reopen our Breakfast Club from Monday 14th September. Government advice is encouraging schools to reopen the clubs. However, because of the new Government recommendations, we are not able to accept occasional attendance from children. If you would like your child to attend, then you will need to commit to set days. The club runs in the upper Hall from 8.15am-8.45am and as well as the childcare by experienced members of our staff (Ms Anthony and Miss Sparks) the children are offered toast, cereal and a drink. We run the Breakfast club at a loss in order to keep the cost as low as possible for parents so we only charge 50p a day, payable a half term in advance £15.

**If you are interested in using our Breakfast Club you must ring the school office (020 8804 1710) and we will explain the details.**

### **First Day Calling if Child Unwell**

A reminder that if your child is unwell and unable to come to school, it is your responsibility to telephone the school office by 9am on the first day of absence please. The number is 020 8804 1710. Alternatively, you may give a message via the office. Please **do not** email as this may not be seen until later in the day.

### **Paying for School Dinners**

A reminder that the amount to pay per week is £11.50 (not £10 or £11) and must be paid at the weekend BEFORE Monday. This will prevent us needing to telephone you, so please help us with this. A reminder also that Universal Free School Meals are available up until the end of Year Two. If your child has now moved into Year Three you need to pay for a school dinner unless you are eligible for free meals (if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please phone the school office to discuss how to apply).

**Term Dates** Please see the attached sheet with the term dates for the new school year.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher