



Shirley Junior School

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Friday 2nd September 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had some opportunity for a rest and possibly a break away this summer. We are really excited to be having the children return on Monday. The teachers have been working hard this week getting the school ready for their return.

Most information you need is in our '**Information and changes booklet September 2021**' which you will find in the school letters section on the website. Whilst completing our COVID Risk assessment we have made a few alterations to the running of the school day we would like to make you aware of.

Start of the school day

All children will be coming to school at 8:45am each day. Please say goodbye to your child either at the main gates or the playground gate. Parents are not to come on to the playground in the morning. There will be senior leaders, teachers and teaching assistants out on the playground to welcome the children.

We do recognise that Year 3 children will need the support of their parents to come in to school initially whilst they get used to the routine, therefore we welcome the Year 3 parents for the first few weeks on to the playground to stand by the hall. We will leave it to you as parents to decide when your child has settled and feeling confident to say goodbye to you at the inner playground gate.

End of the school Day

All children will be leaving school at the same time each day at 3:20pm. The gates will open to parents at 3:15 who are welcome to come and stand on the playground. The gate to the side of the school will continue to be the entrance and the main gate will continue to be the exit to the school. We will be putting up a partition to split the playground entrance to allow for 'traffic' to flow both ways through the gate. Please enter and exit on the right hand side (Parents will not be coming in through the school to enter the playground any more).

Road Closure

In order for the road closure to continue, the road closure is now going to be run entirely by community volunteers, and will be run slightly differently from last year.

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For most sessions, the top and bottom barriers will be marshalled, with an un-staffed barrier at the middle section by Shayer Road.

Some morning or afternoon sessions do not currently have enough volunteers to staff them safely, so on these sessions, the road will remain open with no barriers. Please check the situation each morning and afternoon before crossing or walking in the road. We will communicate this to children on Monday too.

If you would be willing to give your time during a morning slot (8.40 am - 9:00 am) or afternoon slot (3.15 pm - 3.35 pm) to staff a barrier, please contact Alison Baker at a.baker736@btinternet.com

What to do if your child has been a close contact with a positive COVID case

Please book an appointment for a PCR test immediately for your child, your child is still able to attend school whilst you wait for the results.

What if my child is unwell?

If your child has COVID symptoms, please keep them at home and book a PCR test, keep them at home until you have a negative result

How do I inform you if my child tests positive?

Please liaise with Track and trace to establish who your child has been in close contact with. Please also contact the school office to let the school know your child has tested positive.

What measure has the school put in place to prevent the spread of COVID?

The school still has a risk assessment in place which you can find a summary of on the school website as of Monday 6th September. We will continue to have enhance cleaning in place, ensure good hygiene for all our pupils and staff, good ventilation as well staff regularly using lateral flow testing. The school has a contingency plan in place in case there is an increase in the number of cases in the school. We will put one or all of the actions on this plan in to place to prevent the continued spread of COVID. These measures include reverting to bubbles, staff wearing PPE, cancelling in school events, reverting to remote learning. If we require to act on our contingency plan, we will inform parents immediately.

We all look forward to seeing you on Monday

Kind Regards

Annette Hixon

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