

# **Shirley Junior School**

## **Return to School**



## **Information and changes for March 2021**

### What will the start of the school day look like?

Each year group will arrive on foot, at a different time (see box). We are unable to store bikes and scooters at this time so please do not arrive on these.

Y3	08:30
Y4	08:45
Y5	08:55
Y6	08:55

Years 3, 4 & 5 will line up on Bellemoor Road. You will come in through the main Junior gate, up the slope, in through the door by the hall and walk up to your classroom, where you will wash your hands and order your lunch with your class teacher. The government no longer advise us to check your temperature every day at school.

Year 6 will come through the gate in to the playground and socially distance until 8.55am and then come in to the school from the playground. This will allow more space on the pavement for Year 5 to line up.

Look out for the coloured sign up on the railings outside school that will tell you when it is your turn to line up on the pavement. We are more than happy for parents to line up with their children if they like but you must make sure you are social distancing. If you feel confident, your parents can stand either on the road (as it will be closed) or on the opposite pavement and wave you in.

*Smallprint for adults: if you are bringing children in different year groups, you may bring them all at the arrival time for the earliest year group – the other children can come in at that time and go straight up to their classrooms.*

### What will the end of the school day look like?

Each year group will leave at a different time (see box).

Y3	14:45
Y4	15:00
Y5	15:10
Y6	15:10

At the end of the day, classes will be brought out onto the playground to line up.

Parents will file in through the side gate by the Community room, into the junior foyer by the hall and out onto the playground. As they walk across the playground, their children will come over to join them and they will continue out through the main Junior gate.

*Smallprint for adults: if you are collecting children in different year groups, please arrive at the time for the earliest child, and then wait over to the side of the playground, ensuring social distancing, until it is time to collect the remaining child/children. We cannot send children out early.*

*If you absolutely need to bring a buggy onto the school site, please enter via the main gate when there are no children coming out, go up the slope and into the school foyer. We would ask you to first consider whether you could arrange for another parent to bring your child out to you on the road or leave the buggy by the infant sensory garden.*

*If you have arranged for your child to be collected by a child minder, it will be the child minder's responsibility to make these arrangements and ensure social distancing is adhered to at all times. Children waiting for siblings or other children to be collected will not be allowed to run around and play on the school site.*

### What will lunchtimes look like?

Year 3 and 4 will have outdoor play first, and will then eat their lunch in their classrooms. Years 5 and 6 will do the same but the opposite way round. The lunch break has needed to be shortened to allow for staggered start and end times, but there will be lots of extra physical activity throughout the week to make up for this,

### How will we keep safe?

Hygiene is **very** important. You will be asked to use the school's hand sanitizer regularly in the classroom as well as washing your hands at points throughout the day. Door handles and taps will be disinfected by an adult in the toilets regularly throughout the day. Year 5 and 6 will use the toilets on the upper floor and Year 3 & 4 will use the mid-level toilets. Entrances to the toilets will remain propped open at all times and signs will be on the toilet cubicles for girls and boys in different year groups.

Some adults may be wearing face masks visors, gloves or aprons when working closely with children who require support or medical care.

### What will happen if I feel ill?

Before school: please do not come to school if you have a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell. Your adult will need to take care of you at home until you have been tested.

Whilst at school: If you come down with a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell whilst at school, you will be looked after away from your bubble until your adult can come and collect you.

### Will hot dinners be available?

Children will be given the options to bring a packed lunch from home or order a hot meal, jacket potato or packed lunch from Chartwells. The packed lunch will consist of a ham or cheese sandwich plus veg sticks, Frube and fruit. They can be supplemented by extra items from home if required.

Children will be eating in their classrooms. We encourage you to bring your lunch in a disposable bag. If not, please make sure you clean the lunch box thoroughly each day.

### What shall I wear to school?

As per the DfE guidance, pupils are not to change clothes in school. We will be focussing on increasing children's physical exercise as a result of lockdown so they will be taking part in daily healthy and active activities. To reduce the risk of viral transmission we do not want the children to be changing into PE kits. Therefore, all children are asked to wear **the agreed school PE kit to school each day**. Although we still want children to come dressed smartly to school, because of the increased level of physical activity we feel that the school PE kit is a more suitable choice to wear all day. All children are asked to wear suitable **trainers** to school; please try to choose plain, dark colours or white.

PE kit does NOT need to be washed every day and children are not required to wear fresh clothes every day although we do actively encourage this to help prevent germs coming from home.

Here is a reminder of the agreed school PE kit:

Top: either the school green, house sports top, available from Skoolkit, or a white collared polo shirt.



Shorts/Trousers: either plain black or green sports shorts, cycling shorts or the usual grey school shorts, track suit bottoms or leggings. Girls may choose to wear a plain black sports skirt of a sensible length instead. These can be purchased cheaply from the usual outlets and super markets. As part of the kit, when cold, children may wear plain black jogging pants, leggings or training trousers. **No logos are allowed.** These can be purchased cheaply from the usual outlets and super markets.

Children may choose to wear either their normal school jumper/cardigan or the agreed SJS sports hoodie which is available from Skoolkit



**Smallprint for adults:** These uniform changes will be for at least the rest of this academic year and we are currently planning on making the change a permanent one.

### **What type of bag can I bring to school?**

Children are to bring as little as possible with them to school in order to reduce the risk of transmission. We ask that children **DO NOT bring rucksacks or bags to school**. Children are asked to use a book bag to carry their reading book, planner and homework, along with their lunch box. There are several options for book bags;



**Cost £3.50-£5**

**£2.99 (eBay)**

These can be purchased from eBay, Amazon, School trends, Skoolkit etc. The colour and design is up to the individual although it **MUST** be a book/music sheet handheld bag that can easily be stored in the classroom.

### **Will children be able to have a reading book and planner?**

You will be able to have a reading book and planner with you in school and take it home each night. All books will be cleaned after they have been used. You are to look after your own resources at your desk.

### **Will I need to bring back the pencil case I was given by my teacher?**

Yes, please! Although we will give you a brand new pencil case, colouring pencils, pen as we usually do at the start of the school year if you do not have it at home. The school pencil cases are easy to wipe down which is why we are asking you to use them.

### **Will learning time be lost if the school day is staggered?**

You will not lose any learning time due to us staggering the drop off and pick up at the end of the school day. We will be adjusting break times and lunchtimes to ensure you have a full day at school. This is in line with the guidance from the Government in July 2020.

### **Will there be after school clubs and breakfast club available?**

Sports clubs with Team Spirit are running. We hope to get other clubs up and running as soon as possible. We will let you know once these arrangements have been made with the providers.

### **What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID19 in the school, or a further lockdown?**

See next page.

### **Will there be whole school celebrations?**

We will not be able to have whole school or class celebrations for some time as we are not allowed to gather as a large group or invite parents in to the school. This also includes singing and assemblies. Classes will be having class assemblies to ensure our PSHE curriculum is still covered.

## Home Learning at Shirley Junior School



Google Classroom can be accessed on a computer or laptop, or as an app on Android or Apple tablet devices (not currently on Windows tablets). It can also be accessed via the browser on an Xbox or PlayStation. While accessible via the app on a mobile phone, it would not be easy to use many of the features on such a small screen size.

### **How much interaction and face to face teaching will be provided if individuals or classes/year groups revert to learning from home?**

Pupils will continue to access learning on their Google classroom account with an identified adult. This may not always be their class teacher but a TA or teacher who is part of the year team.

### **If my child is clinically extremely vulnerable, can I keep them at home?**

Yes, if your child has a shielding letter; please contact the school if you feel your child fits in to this category. The school will require medical evidence

### **What will happen if I choose to keep my children at home - will you offer alternative provision for my child?**

No, we will not be offering alternative provision if you keep them home without a shielding letter. The current government guidelines are for every child to return on 8<sup>th</sup> March, and as before schools will be directed to impose fines for non-attendance.

### **How will the school record attendance?**

Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness, as normally would happen, the pupil should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and the school will authorize the absence.

Where a pupil is in self-isolation, in accordance with latest advice from department of health and social care and Public Health England, the pupil will be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register.

Where a pupil's parent/guardian refuses to send them to school, this will be recorded as an unauthorized absence in the attendance register. Under the current guidance from the government, if this absence continues this could lead to a fixed penalty notice and even prosecution.

### **If there is a positive case in a bubble, would the whole bubble automatically have to isolate or would it only be close contacts?**

The school would liaise with Public Health England, and currently only pupils who have been in close contact with this pupil will be required to self-isolate. Obviously, your communication is key. We will discuss with the parent all possible close contacts from any social activities, break times, clubs and out of school time.

### **What will be the main communications tool if the school closes/ if teacher is self-isolating etc?**

Teachers will use Marvellous Me to communicate with parents, and Google classroom as the main way to communicate with their pupils.

## **Extra FAQs for Parents/Carers:**

### **How is the school reducing the risk of transmission between bubbles?**

The school already has put a robust risk assessment in place to reduce transmission between bubbles, such as staggered start of day, break and lunchtimes, separate toilets, one way system and limited use of communal spaces.

### **Will there be any curriculum catch up provision in line with what the government suggested? If so, what will that look like?**

We will continue to use Third space learning tuition for maths in school, and small group and one-to-one catch up sessions for identified pupils will take place throughout the school day.

### **When will I receive a parent/teacher evening phone call?**

Parents evening phone calls will be held in week one of the Summer term after Easter. This will allow time for children to settle back in to school and for teachers to find out how pupils have been getting on with their learning.

### **What will the curriculum look like when children return?**

As the majority of pupils have engaged so well with online learning we will mainly be continuing with our projects in each year group. Every class will continue to have 'home room' session in the morning and at the end of the day so they have opportunities to develop social skills. During the first week pupils will also have the opportunities to revise some of the core learning that took place during lockdown.