

Shirley Junior School



**Information and changes for
September 2021-22**

What will the school day look like?

An SJS Day:

Arrive	Register	S1	S2	Break	S3	Lunch	Register	S4/5	Leave
8:45	8:55 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:45	9:45 - 10:30	10:45 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:15	12:15 - 1:10	1:15 - 1:20	1:20- 3:15	3:20

We are not planning to continue with the staggered start and end of day; all children will start and finish at the same time each day. We ask that no parents come on to the school site in the morning. We will continue to use a one-way system at the end of the day to avoid congestion at the school gates. Any pupil who is 10 years old or over may leave the school site independently: please collect a permission sheet for this from the school office.

What will lunchtimes look like?

Year 3 and 4 will have outdoor play on either the playground or the field. Each week they will alternate with Year 5 and 6. All children will eat their sandwiches or hot dinner in the hall on our new benches. Children will be able to select their meal at the start of the day. If the weather is fine they will have the option of eating their packed lunch or school sandwiches at our picnic benches. Hot dinners will be served on trays and will not be able to taken outside.

How will we keep safe?

Hygiene continues to be **very** important. Children will be asked to use the school's hand sanitizer regularly in the classroom as well as washing 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. At break and lunch times, Year 5 and 6 will have the outside toilets and Year 3 and 4 will have the toilet at the bottom of the stairs to the playground.

We will be continuing to remind children to keep themselves safe by keeping their hands away from faces, avoiding touching bannisters and walls etc.

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

We will continue to have a one-way system in place up and down the stairs for the start of term.

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 classroom until your adult can come and collect you.

When shall I bring my water bottle to school and how will I keep it clean?

We would like you to bring your water bottle in on a Monday. You can take it home each night to be washed, or keep it in school for the week, in which case the bottle will be emptied and the lid will be sanitised overnight.

Will buddies be back?

Yes! We will be arranging Y3/6 buddies for September.

What shall I wear to school?

Here is a reminder of the agreed school PE kit that we wear to school everyday:

Top: either the school green or white T-Shirt or house sports top, available from Skoolkit, or a white collared polo shirt. There is an alternative top available, more info about this to follow.



Shorts: either plain black or green sports shorts, cycling shorts or the usual grey school shorts. 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 supermarkets.



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

What type of bag can I bring to school?

We ask that due to limited corridor storage space, children **DO NOT bring rucksacks or bags to school**. Children are asked to use a book back 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 get a reading book and planner?

Children will have their planner with them in school and take it home each night. All books will continue to be online through Reading Planet but we are hoping to return to library books soon. If using Reading Planet is going to cause you problems, please have a discussion with your class teacher who will arrange for you have an appropriate book.

Can children bring their own pencil case?

No, we will give everybody a brand new pencil case, colouring pencils, pen as we usually do at the start of the school year. The school pencil cases are easy to wipe down and store in smart sacks which is why we are asking children to use them.

Will there be after school clubs and breakfast club available?

Sports clubs with Team Spirit are running. We will let you know once these arrangements have been made in September

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID19 in the school?

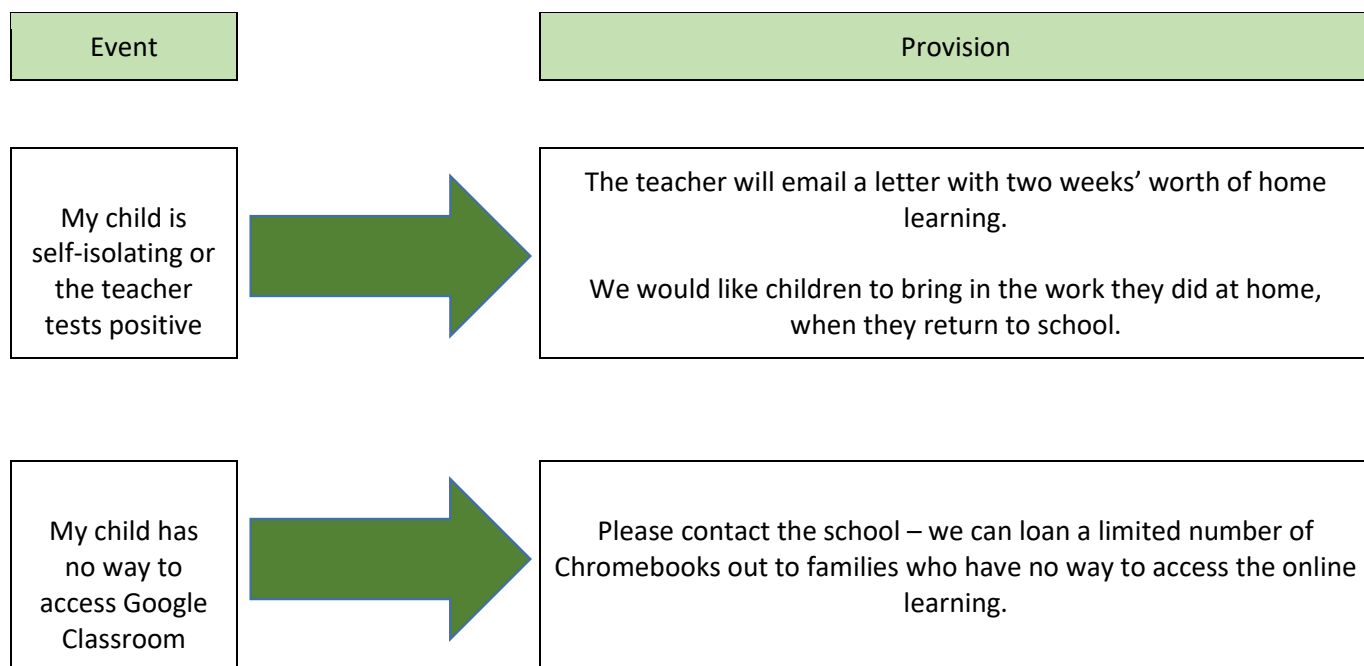
In September no child under the age of 18 needs to self-isolate. You will only be asked to isolate yourself if you have COVID. If this happens we will provide remote home learning.

Will there be whole school celebrations?

We will be having whole school assemblies in the hall twice a week. On a Monday we will focus on our learning values and topics relating to PSHE. On a Friday we will be celebrating all your amazing learning from the week. We can't wait to have everyone back in the hall together again.

Home Learning at Shirley Junior School

Only required if you have COVID yourself



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.

Extra FAQs for Parents/Carers:

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

As they do in their normal day-to-day job, teachers will be assessing gaps and planning how to fill these through their teaching. Any child who is still has gaps from missed previous learning will take part in 'catch up' interventions either as online tuition or small groups in school.

Will the office be open to parents?

Yes, the office will return to being open as normal and you are welcome to go in to make enquiries and pay for trips e.t.c. (although most payments are done online)

How can I communicate with school staff?

If you have any enquiries, or information you need to pass on, please email office@shirleyschools.co.uk and mark your email for the attention of the person you would like to contact, in the subject line. Your email will be read and either responded to or passed on to the appropriate person to respond. Teachers will respond if you had a question; if your email was for information only, please do not worry if you don't receive a response - it will have been read and actioned.

Where will I collect my child if I am late?

If you arrive after 3:30pm, your child will be waiting in the office for you.

Will the road remain closed at the start and end of the day?

We very much hope this will continue. Going forwards, the closures will be shorter as we return to whole-school start and end times, and we it will need the road closure to be arranged and marshalled entirely by the parent community – please contact the office if you are able to volunteer.

We are all looking forward to having our family community together a bit more and we cannot wait to have you all back!

We hope you have a really enjoyable summer, see you in September!

Mrs Hixon, Mrs Tearle and all the staff at Shirley Junior School

Handwritten signatures of Mrs Hixon and Mrs Tearle in cursive script.