



# SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

## Reminder of information about returning to school in September:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back in September including our new Nursery and Reception children. We have updated our risk assessment from last term and the Department of Education have produced a parent's guide for further information on what all schools should be doing [Parent's Guide for the Autumn term](#). Please note that the government expect all children to return to school from September. If you feel that your child will need support, please do let us know and we will help you in every way that we can.

### **Organisation of the School Day:**

To reduce mixing and transition, we will still have a **staggered start and end to the day** and the timings are below:

Drop Off- one parent/carer only.

Surname A - K - 8.40am - 8.50am

Surname L - Z - 8.50am - 9.00am

Please maintain social distancing (a 2m distance) from staff and other parents/carers at drop off. If you have any queries or concerns please email the school office and the classteacher will respond.

Pick Up - one parent / carer only

Surname A - K - 3.00pm - 3.10pm

Surname L - Z - 3.10pm - 3.20pm

Please adhere to your allocated time slot and leave the school site immediately after collecting your child.

We have a **one way system** on the school site which will continue in September - please enter the playground via the Nursery gate and follow the one way system around the building and drop off at your child's classroom, then leave via the front gate next to the school office. To maintain social distancing please do not gather at the school gates.

**Playtimes and lunchtimes** will be staggered and areas of the yard/field zoned to allow for separation of class groups.

**Control measures** which promote good hand and respiratory hygiene as well as cleaning regimes will remain in place. We have additional outdoor handwash stations. Our cleaning staff will also do additional cleaning routines in the middle of the day.

We will be using **class bubbles** for the majority of the day **but also using some whole year group bubbles** for parts of the day e.g. breakfast club and wraparound, out of school club. Maintaining distinct class groups/bubbles makes it easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate.

In the event of one positive test we will need parents to support us in reducing the possibility of an outbreak by engaging in the **NHS Test and Trace** process. Parents will need to be ready to book a test if their child develops symptoms and self-isolate if they are contacted by Test and Trace. Please inform us immediately of the results of a test. The Public Health Protection Team will then direct school to take the appropriate actions.

**School Meals** - we have chosen a **hot school meal** option (plus a vegetarian option if required). We plan to stagger lunches and use a mixture of the dining hall and classrooms to keep year group bubbles separate. Follow the link to see the menu:

[Hot Menu](#)

**School Uniform** - children will need to wear school uniform (including flat, black school shoes) and bring their P.E. kits to school.

**Wraparound / Out of School Club** will be operating from 2<sup>nd</sup> September for those parents requiring childcare before and after school. Booking forms for Breakfast Club have been sent out. If you have any queries please contact

[Childrenschoicesouthridge@hotmail.com](mailto:Childrenschoicesouthridge@hotmail.com) - for Breakfast Club and Wraparound

[Southridgeoutofschoolclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Southridgeoutofschoolclub@hotmail.co.uk) - for Out of School Club in the mobile with Maureen and Darren.

**Additional important information for Nursery parents only:**

In Reception to Year 4 parents follow the one - way system around the school site and drop off and pick up at classroom doors (they do not enter the building).

However, in Nursery to help our youngest children settle, it is important that their parent or carer accompanies them into the Nursery cloakroom and to the classroom door. **Parents/Carers of Nursery children MUST wear a mask or face covering to enter the Nursery cloakroom** to protect other adults at drop off/ pick up time. It is a small, confined space with limited ventilation and sometimes grandparents and adults who have previously shielded will be dropping off Nursery children.

Staff will also ask you to queue on the Nursery ramp 2m apart and will allow only 6 adults in the cloakroom at a time - we hope you will be understanding of these procedures and allow additional time.

During the first week Nursery children attend one session only in a small group which will allow adults and children to adjust to the new routines.

Finally, if any children are required to self-isolate at the start of term after returning from a holiday abroad please contact school so that we can support your family - [office@southridgefirst.org.uk](mailto:office@southridgefirst.org.uk)

We hope that you all enjoy the last two weeks of the holidays - we are very much looking forward to seeing you all on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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