

SITHNEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Following the guidance from the Government, and also from the letter from Donna Bryant on 03.07.20, regarding full return to school in September, I am now able to give you some more detail about the Autumn Term at Sithney School.

First of all, I can confirm the school structure will be as follows:

Busy Zone for Early Years (Pre-School and Reception) with Miss Sumpter (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Nisbet (Fri).

Wonder Zone for Year 1 and 2 with Mrs Kite (Mon and Tues) and Miss Bray (Wed-Fri).

Smart Zone for Year 3 and 4 with Mr Birchall.

Study Zone for Year 5 and 6 with Miss Neil.

Pre-School will be available as follows:

For 3 and 4 year olds from 9:00 - 3:00 Monday - Friday.

For 2 year olds from 9:00 - 12:00 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will be regularly reviewed and is subject to demand and staff availability as strict staff ratios are necessary for younger pupils.

Please ensure you book a place for your child for Pre-School with Jacqui Ames in the office or by email at secretary@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk.

In September, to adhere to new government guidance, we have organised the timetable so we have 4 class bubbles. We have tried to ensure consistent staffing as much as possible in each class bubble but there will be occasions when a member of staff from one bubble will need to be in another bubble. When this is the case, staff are aware of additional safety measures they can put in place such as keeping a social distance from the rest of the class.

Staggered starts will still be in place to help ensure social distancing during busy drop off and pick up times. Staggered starts must be strictly kept to for everyone's safety and will be as follows:

Infants (Busy and Wonder Zone) and their siblings arrive 9:00am and leave 3:00pm.

Juniors (Smart and Study Zone), who do not have siblings in the infants, arrive 9:15am and leave 3:15pm. We regret we will not be in a position to invite pupils into school any earlier (unless they are booked into Breakfast Club) and politely request that you adhere to these times.

Drop off and pick up points will be as follows:

Busy Zone - Early Years outside gate.

Wonder Zone - back porch door.

Smart Zone - junior porch door.

Study Zone - class back door.

Please ensure social distancing in the playground and ensure you leave the playground swiftly after drop off and pick up to make room for the next arrival / departure. Parents will not be allowed into the school building unless a meeting has been arranged.

In order to aid new Reception pupils with transition to their new class we are offering a staggered start to the year. This will be as follows:

Week starting 07.09.20 - 9:00am - 12:00 mid-day.

Week starting 14.09.20 - 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Week starting 21.09.20 - 9:00am - 3:00pm.

I can confirm that we are able to offer wrap around provision in the Autumn Term. However, as this provision will be for pupils in all the bubbles, safety measures such as social distancing will be necessary. Therefore, the number of places we are able to offer will be strictly restricted to working families who are reliant on wrap around for work reasons and who have booked the week before. Wrap around provision will be as follows:

Breakfast Club - 7:30am - 9:00am. Breakfast Club will not be open to additional pupils after 8:30am to 'drop off pupils early' as we have strict staggered starts. All families using Breakfast Club will need to take their child to Reception area. Here, they can ring the bell if there is no-one available in the office.

After School Club - 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Please note we are only able to offer wrap around provision for 3 and 4 year olds if arrangements have been made with school and a place has been agreed and booked in advance, as we need to ensure correct staff ratios in place. Wrap around provision is not available for 2 year olds.

Pupils will be encouraged to wear school uniform where possible but non-school uniform will be acceptable for the start of the Autumn Term due to an increase in clothes washing and the financial impact of this time. On PE days, please send your child to school in PE kit. Please also ensure your child has a coat and practical footwear at all times as outdoor play and learning will take place where possible. As usual, pupils should not wear jewellery to school and long hair should be tied back.

School meals will include a 'take-away' hot meals option in a covered dish. However, as lunches will be delivered to and eaten in the classrooms, the hot meals option will not include any choices and will come as it is eg roast dinner will come with vegetables and gravy. If your child is particular about what they do not like you may prefer packed lunch.

I hope this letter answers all your questions. Teachers will be going through all of the new routines and changes with the pupils, in an age appropriate manner, when term begins and will include regular reminders but please talk through relevant points with your child during the Summer so they are prepared for return in September.

If you need further information or clarity, please do contact either myself at head@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk or Jacqui Ames at secretary@sithney.cornwall.sch.uk.

Staff look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school in September and aim to return to a sense of normality as much as possible. However, please remember that the situation may change during the Summer so please do keep checking the school website www.sithney.schools.co.uk and emails for any updates and be prepared for further changes.

Thank you for all your kind messages of thanks and support in these trying times. I am sure you will all join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work and commitment to the pupils' education and welfare. Take care.

Kind regards

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