



# Shortlanesend School

## Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

### School Update

Two full weeks back at school and the children are still impressing us all with their flexibility and acceptance of our current structure and procedures. Well done to our reception children who continue to confidently bound into their classroom and are now attending for full days.

We aim to nurture a positive mindset in our children. This flows through the school from class to class and teacher to teacher. Despite the recent developments concerning Covid-19 our outlook will remain optimistic about remaining fully operational.

Should we find ourselves in a situation where we experience a localized case or small cluster outbreak at school which could result in certain/all classes being temporarily closed, we will endeavor to inform you as quickly as we can, and with as little disruption as possible, however, there are some things which remain out of our direct control.

As always on a return to school we have a few 'sickness bugs' this week. These can affect our children and staff. This happens every year. This may result in some children missing a short period of time from school. Just to remind you – The NHS reports that the three main symptoms of Corona Virus to be watchful for are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

### Weekly Planning

To help further support our children and their education. From Monday all our teachers will be uploading the weekly lesson planning and a few resources to their class pages on our school website. This will enable all children to have access to the learning activities should they be absent from school – whether this is for a day or two with a bug or bad cold, or for a longer period of time, should they or their household need to isolate.

## Car Park

Please be aware that currently we are operating a one-way system which involves pedestrian access through the carpark. Please escort your children safely when exiting the school.

Also, please park safely, especially if you use the spaces just outside the gates, as these can create blind spots and increase the risk of accidents occurring.

Finally, please **do not** allow your child(ren) to climb the grass bank in the car park. If you wish to leave by the gate near our entrance use the steps by our minibus only.

Thank you.

## Sports Hoodies

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in ordering a school hoodie. Mrs Holroyd is currently negotiating with our uniform supplier and we hope to release more details soon.

## Reading Records - Reminder

These will be collected in on Fridays and returned on Mondays in classes 2,3,4 and 5. Homework set will follow a similar pattern, so there will be a longer delay than normal between handing in, marking and returning.

## School Day

**Please note from Monday you can drop and collect siblings at other classes in the earliest time:**

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>
5 – Mr Easter	8:30-8:40	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	3:00	Corridor – Door nearest classroom
4 – Miss Eddison	8:30-8:40	Classroom - Side door	3:00	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley/Mrs Lewis	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	8:45-8:55	Class Door	3:15	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	9:00	Through outside area	3:10	Through outside area

## **Parent Pay**

Thank you for your patience with recent issues around Parent Pay. Hopefully these have been rectified. Please take note of the letter issued yesterday concerning Aspire's new monitoring of accounts and the likely follow up actions.

## **Dates**

Autumn Term:

The last day of half term is scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. We will return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and finish for Christmas on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Spring Term:

We start the Spring term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. We break up for half term on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February and return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The term is scheduled to finish on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Summer Term:

The Summer term is planned to start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. There is a bank holiday on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and we break for half term on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The final day of the term and the year will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Have a restful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.