



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



3rd July 2020

Summer Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

School Update

Yesterday the government released guidance for the full opening of schools in September. We are now busily working through every detail so we can formulate a safe, comprehensive and of course, fully compliant plan of action.

The guidance sets out procedures and protocols which all schools must follow. Therefore, please prepare for some parts of the school day being slightly different in September; drop off and collection for example.

What won't be different is our passion and dedication in ensuring our children are happy, keen to learn and able to excel at Shortlanesend. We can't wait to see all our children's smiles and hear their voices again. We will provide details for the start of the academic year just as soon as we can. Please bear with us just a little longer!

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

New Starters in Reception

The Starting School page on our website is now live. It contains all the information you and your child needs, including videos of staff. Please have a look to help your child prepare for the start of their school life at Shortlanesend. If you know of any family with a child joining us in September, please direct them here too. Thank you:

https://shortlanesend.eschools.co.uk/web/starting_school/490733

Home Learning

There will be one more week of home learning activities uploaded from Monday 13th July. Following this, teachers will be uploading activities directly to their class pages (for their current classes) on the school website for your child to attempt through the summer. These will be a mixture of mindfulness based activities with the aim of supporting your child's emotional resilience whilst keeping their brain 'ticking over' with some academic challenges during the Summer break.

A reminder - The school website also contains links to the Summer Reading Challenge, organised by local libraries.

School Uniform

Thank you to anyone who has dropped in some unwanted uniform. Please, if you have any school uniform that your child has outgrown and wish to donate it to the school for other families to make use of, please deliver any items into the school foyer over the next week. From week beginning 13th July parents will be able to come and collect any items they may need ready for the new school year.

End of Term

Our final day of term is Thursday 23rd July. If your child attends on this day you will be able to collect them at their usual collection time.

Well-being

Please find below a list of support and advice services. Stay safe – Take care.

Family Lives

Advice on all aspects of parenting.

Phone: 0808 800 2222 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 9pm and Saturday to Sunday, 10am to 3pm)

Website: www.familylives.org.uk

Relate

The UK's largest provider of relationship support.

Website: www.relate.org.uk

Young Minds

Information on child and adolescent mental health. Services for parents and professionals.

Phone: Parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm)

Website: www.youngminds.org.uk

Samaritans

Confidential support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair.

Phone: 116 123 (free 24-hour helpline)

Website: www.samaritans.org.uk

