



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



10th July 2020

Summer Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all continue to remain safe and well.

School Update

We are still awaiting final confirmation from Aspire Health and Safety concerning our plans for a full opening of our school in September. We understand your need as parents for information and very much hope to inform you fully of our plans during next week.

For now, please rest secure that we are thinking in a very positive manner about September. We expect all our children to be here enjoying their education. We expect all our staff to be able to be here. We expect that we will hopefully be able to offer some form of wrap-around care for the school day.

Please be aware though that there remain factors which are out of our control, and therefore all our plans are subject to change. Also, we do have to follow government procedures and protocols to fully adhere to providing a safe environment for children and staff. There will, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, need to be slight alterations to our school day, and some of the current measures concerning our pods/groups and the footfall in and out of our school will have to carry on in September. In a similar way to the fact our shopping experiences and doctor/dentist visits are currently subject to different conditions.

Be assured all staff are fully committed to ensuring that each and every child is nurtured, taught and cared for, so they can all **Smile, Learn and Excel** here at **SLE**

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Reports

An end of year school report will be emailed for every child during next week. Please note that the format will be slightly different to previous years due to the situation concerning the virus. As each report needs to be emailed individually, not all parents will receive their child's report at the same time.

School Uniform

Thank you to anyone who has kindly donated their unwanted uniform.

The uniform will be available from Tuesday 14th July 2020 for parents to view and take what they need for their child(ren) in September. The rails will either be in the foyer, or if the weather is fine outside the front of the school.

Home Learning

The final week of home learning activities will be uploaded on 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.

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

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