



Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



6th November 2020

Autumn Term

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you all enjoyed restful half term break.

School Update

Clearly the announcement on Saturday concerning a return to lockdown will have ripples through our school community. Children, families and staff members will each be affected personally by the next few weeks in a variety of personal ways. It is important now more than ever to support, communicate and be consistent with each other, as we look to navigate the next phase of the year together.

For now, nothing in our school routine has changed since before half-term. We are still following the same procedures as we were before half term. Making sure we encourage and follow good hygiene rules, ensuring that the school is well ventilated and staying at least 2m away from each other and the children as much as is possible. Our timetable for the day remains largely as it was before half-term; Mrs Lewis and Mrs Stanhope have tweaked the drop-off time for Class 1 to 8:50 to ensure a prompt start at 9:00.

We have studied the new guidance from the government, however there is little new to implement. Aspire continue to oversee, monitor and direct the school to ensure safety is as maximised as possible remembering that we are still a relatively small school in terms of space and staff numbers.

At SLE, we follow the ethos of only being able to control what we can, which is our school environment, make it as safe as possible in the circumstances and inspiring and loving as it always is to our children.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/1434/coronavirus-covid-19>

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and a limited selection of Royal British Legion objects will continue to be offered in return for a donation until Wednesday 11th November – Snap bands, wristbands, zip reflectors and zip pulls are available. Thank you for your kind donations so far.

Suggested Donations:

Zip Pull – 50p Reflector – 50p Wristband - £1 Snap Band - £1.50

Hoodies

These have arrived and have been issued to the children following payment either in cash or through Parent Pay. They look great and the feedback from children is positive.

Due to the current situation and guidance, children can wear their hoodie instead of a school jumper during the week. We will be keeping the windows open as much as possible over the next few weeks to aid ventilation, meaning a warm hoodie would help ward off the winter winds.

If you would like to source a hoodie for your child, Mrs Holroyd will accept **new orders** until **Tuesday 10th November**.

Health Questionnaire

It is important that we hold the most current information regarding medical needs and possible allergies for all our children. Mrs Holroyd sent a simple online questionnaire to all parents before half term, please complete the questions linked to the email as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Safety – Reminder

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain safety and provide an improved chance of remaining open, please:

- **Do not arrive too** early to collect your child – this will lead to congregation which is something we need to avoid. If you collect **at 3:00** arrive from **2:55**, if you collect at **3:15** please do not arrive until at least **3:10**.

We are in no rush to get rid of the children – honestly!

- Exit the school **immediately** after your child is released to you.
- **Do not allow children to play on the play equipment** – these are timetabled weekly for different classes to reduce the risk of spreading germs.
- Continue to enforce good hygiene routines at home.
- Please inform other members of your family or friends about the collection arrangements and times, if they collect your child.

Thank you for your support.

Parents' Consultations- Reminder

With a current ban on mass gatherings in schools, there will be no traditional parent consultation evenings this term. Teachers will provide a short, written report at the beginning of next half term.

School Day

Please note the drop off and collection times for different classes – thank you.

Also, as a polite reminder, unfortunately we are running a **one adult** per family system to reduce footfall around the school – thank you.

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>
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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

NHS Advice

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.

Dates

Autumn Term:

Currently, we finish for Christmas on Thursday 17th December.

Spring Term:

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

Summer Term:

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

Have a restful weekend

Thank you for your continued support.

