

Southwold Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back into school tomorrow morning. We hope that you have had a safe, enjoyable summer break. This letter is to update you with our Covid response for the Autumn Term. I should appreciate it if you would read this carefully so that you know what the plans and expectations are... there is a LOT of information. Infection rates are rising and it is our aim to keep us all as safe as possible:

- We will be continuing the 'soft start' entry into classes between 8:45 and 8:55am for Years One to Six, rather than the children lining up on the playground. EYC doors will be open between 8:50 and 9:00am. We still have strict expectations that children come into school on time (and are collected on time at the end of each day). Gates will be locked promptly
- The one-way system will not be in place and you can enter and exit school via three gates: either through the gate at the top of the field, the gate by Year 6 or the main playground gates
- We encourage you to let children in Years 4 to 6 to enter school independently once they are at the school gate to avoid congestion. Children in these year groups may walk home alone if you write a letter/email of consent (dependent on distance)
- Face coverings are not an expectation, however, if you wish to talk to a member of staff in close quarters, you may be requested to wear one
- We are keeping the one parent per family rule to reduce congestion and contact on site. If you require a parent/carer from another family to collect your child(ren), you must let school know for permission purposes. No child under 16 years of age is allowed to collect children from school, even if they are an older sibling
- For safety reasons, we are still restricting parents from entering into school unless necessary. We ask that phonecalls and emails are your primary method of conversation, with face-to-face meetings reserved for urgent/exceptional issues and occasions

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- 'Bubbles' will become classes again and are allowed to mix; however, we will be keeping classes separate as possible to reduce risk of infection transmission
- We will be maintaining high expectations of hygiene in school and children will continue to wash their hands on entry into school and regularly throughout the day
- Please let the school know immediately should your child develop symptoms of Covid (i.e. a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) or has tested positive. Of course, pupils will not be allowed in school if they have symptoms of or have tested positive for Covid
- The school will inform you if your child has symptoms in school and you must arrange for a PCR test and report the result to the school. In the event that undertake an LFD test and the test result is negative, this does not allow them to return to school earlier than the 10-day self-isolation period allows
- Should a child test positive, new guidance states that other children in the class/group need not be sent home, however, school will use their discretion to keep your children as safe as possible. If a number of children in a class test positive, it is likely that the class will be told to self-isolate and school would offer remote learning during this period

As I said, a lot of information. We respectfully ask you to work with us to follow these guidelines to keep school safe and to avoid the spread of Covid and thank you for your ongoing support.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Clifford
Head teacher

