



Southdale
C of E Junior school
Shining like stars in the universe

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Southdale family cannot wait to welcome you all back next week! We are so proud of you all and your dedication to remote learning. Thank you for embracing it and giving it your very best. Remember to bring in your books to show all the work you have been doing at home.

As you are aware, school will open to all pupils on the 8th March. This will continue with staggered start and end times. As a reminder, the red gate on Southdale road will be the entrance and exit used by Year 3 and Year 6. The green gate on Belgrave road will be used by Year 4 and Year 5. Once parents/carers have dropped off or collected their child, we kindly request that all parents leave the premises as quickly as possible. Please do not congregate at entrances/exits to school. We are unable to allow parents into the school building unless it is a pre-arranged appointment.

Drop off times:

8:30 – 8:40am Year 5 and 6

8:45am – 8:55am Year 3 and Year 4

Collection times:

3:05pm – 3:10pm Year 5 and 6

3:20pm - 3:25pm Year 3 and 4

For children who are booked into our wraparound, or our school clubs, these children will be kept safely in school until their club or wraparound starts.

Following our extensive risk assessment, we are putting in additional measures for your children. These include but are not limited to:

- Children will be in year group 'bubbles' with staggered break and lunchtimes. The playground will be zoned for different year groups on different days. We ask that every child brings a full water bottle to school each day which they will keep with them at all times.
- The cloakrooms will not be used so children will go straight to their classrooms, where they will be asked to wash their hands.
- Assemblies will continue to take place virtually.
- Children will be required to wear their school uniform. On the day your child has PE, we would like your child to come into school in their PE kit. PE will be, Tuesday Y4, Wednesday Y3, Thursday Y5 and Friday Y6. If your child has an after school PE club, they also need to come in their kit.
- The children do not need to bring anything from home, other than their packed lunch, water bottle and book bag. Exceptions to this rule include medication, or musical instruments for peripatetic lessons.
- Your child is welcome to bring their own hand sanitiser, however, this will be available throughout school.
- Increased ventilation. All classrooms will have windows and doors open so please ensure your child **brings their jumper** as it could get quite cold!
- Children should only be accompanied by one adult, but where you feel it is safe to do so, children can walk to school and leave school on their own. Please confirm with school if you'd like to update your previous permissions regarding this.
- Please park respectfully, as we know the roads around school can become very congested.
- Increased cleaning - in addition to our heightened cleaning program currently in place, additional cleaning will routinely take place to disinfect high-usage surfaces.
- Every child will have their equipment on their desk to avoid sharing of resources. They will hang their coat on the back of their chair as cloakrooms will not be used.
- We ask that parents/carers wear a face covering unless you are unable to for medical reasons.

The management of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 will be in line with current public health guidance. This means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days based on advice from the local health protection teams. We cannot wait to open our gates to you all again and we will continually do whatever it takes to ensure your child is happy, safe and learning. The curriculum will be jam-packed with exciting learning opportunities and we will endeavour to make the return to school, as 'normal' as possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to plan a safe return for our children.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Partington



Headteacher