



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

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Year R September 2020 Transition Updates

Dear Parents and Carers

In light of the current situation surrounding COVID 19, we would now like to share with you some further information regarding your child starting school in September.

Home Visits

This year, our home visits will be virtual via Microsoft Teams. The appointment date and time that you have been given will remain the same. On either Thursday 3rd September 2020 or Friday 4th September 2020, you will receive an email invitation to attend your child's home visit virtually with your child's Class Teacher and Learning Support Assistant. Please ensure that we have your most up to date email address for this. There will be no requirement for you to set up a Microsoft Teams account.

Story and Song Session

As we were unable to make our Story and Song sessions available on site in June, we would like to invite your child to attend a very special Story and Song session on Friday 4th September 2020. This will be a lovely opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with Solent Infant School, their Class Teacher and Learning Support Assistant and meet some of their new friends. If your child is in **Group A please drop them off between 10:00 – 10:15am and collect them between 11:00 -11:15am.** If your child is in **Group B please drop them off between 1:00 – 1:15pm and collect them between 2:00 – 2:15pm.** You will find further information regarding drop off, social distancing and the school's one-way system in additional school correspondence regarding September's wider opening of the schools.

These special Story and Song sessions will be known as your child's Official First Day at Solent Infant School, with a special photo opportunity in the school playground upon arrival. In light of this, we will be lifting the rule of only allowing one adult to drop off and collect your child for these sessions only. We politely request that your child wears their school uniform for their special first day.

During these sessions, a member of our Admin Team will be on site in the school playground to collect any further forms, birth certificates and answer any further questions that you might have. Please note, that we are not currently permitting any parents into our School Office currently.

Drop off and Collection times

Due to social distancing measures in place at school, it has been necessary to amend the previously advised timings for the school day. Please see below for drop off and collection times.

	Group A	Group B
Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th September 2020	<p>Mornings only</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 11:20 – 11:30</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00 and collection 11:30 – 11:40</p> <p>Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 11:40 – 11:50</p>	<p>Afternoons only</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 1:00 – 1:10 and collection 2:55 – 3:05</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 1:10 – 1:20 and collection 3:05 – 3:15</p> <p>Reception G – Drop off 1:20 – 1:30 and collection 3:15 – 3:25</p>
w/c Monday 14 th September 2020	<p>Mornings only</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 11:20 – 11:30</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00 and collection 11:30 – 11:40</p> <p>Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 11:40 – 11:50</p> <p>Stay for lunch (Thursday 17th and Friday 18th only)</p> <p>Reception DE - Collection 12:30 – 12:40</p> <p>Reception H – Collection 12:40 – 12:50</p> <p>Reception G – Collection 12:50 – 1:00</p>	<p>Afternoons only</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 1:00 – 1:10 and collection 2:55 – 3:05</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 1:10 – 1:20 and collection 3:05 – 3:15</p> <p>Reception G – Drop off 1:20 – 1:30 and collection 3:15 – 3:25</p>
w/c Monday 21 st September 2020	<p>Full time</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 2:55 – 3:05</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00 and collection 3:05 – 3:15</p>	<p>Mornings only</p> <p>Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 11:20 – 11:30</p> <p>Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00 and collection 11:30 – 11:40</p>

	Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 3:15 – 3:25	Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 11:40 – 11:50 Stay for lunch (Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th only) Reception DE - Collection 12:30 – 12:40 Reception H – Collection 12:40 – 12:50 Reception G – Collection 12:50 – 1:00
w/c Monday 28 th September 2020	Full time Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 2:55 – 3:05 Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00am and collection 3:05 – 3:15 Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 3:15 – 3:25	Full time Reception DE – Drop off 8:40 – 8:50 and collection 2:55 – 3:05 Reception H – Drop off 8:50 – 9:00am and collection 3:05 – 3:15 Reception G – Drop off 9:00 – 9:10 and collection 3:15 – 3:25

Please note that from Thursday 10th September 2020, we request that only one adult drops off and collects your child from school. It is permitted to bring siblings if required.

School Equipment

We are really excited to see your child looking all smart in their school uniform. Currently, we only require for your child to bring into school with them a coat, their fruit bag, lunch box (if having a packed lunch from home) and their water bottle. We politely request that book bags, PE bags and any other school items are left at home until further notice. In Year R, our PE day is on a Thursday. Therefore, from Thursday 17th September, we would like to invite your child to wear their PE kit to school for the day. This will take place every Thursday until further notice. Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable trainers with their school PE kit as opposed to plimsoles. As the weather becomes colder, we request that instead of PE shorts, your child wears tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we navigate through these extraordinary times. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email us at solentinfant@thesolentschools.org. Please note, that this email address is not in use over the school holiday and queries will be responded to upon return to school from Thursday 3rd September 2020.

We look forward to welcoming you all to Solent Infant School in September.

Yours Sincerely,

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