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Arrangements for September

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all, for the overwhelming support and positivity you have shown towards us throughout this challenging year. We have felt you by our side, throughout this journey, whether virtually as you learn from home, or on site in one of our bubbles. We know that you have been your child's greatest champion and have no doubt that you will have made an incredibly positive difference to their learning journey. We are so very proud of all that they, and you, have achieved. We are also so very proud of the amazing staff team that we have here at Solent, who have worked tirelessly to support our pupils and one another, as well as caring for their own families at home. The Solent community is such a precious one, which I feel so very proud and privileged to be a part of.

I am very pleased to be able to write to you today to clarify arrangements for the full reopening of the Solent Schools from September. Whilst there are many things that will have changed, most notably for those of you who have remained learning remotely this year, there are also many familiar and reassuring things that will have stayed the same. We must remember this and also remind our children of this as we prepare them for their return in September.

Below you will find an outline of the arrangements that we have already made to enable us all to return to school safely. Please do read this information carefully and refer back to it just prior to your return in September. There is a lot of information to process here. For this reason, I have created a presentation that will explain all of the points below and also add a little more detail in a more user-friendly format. Please [click here](#) to access the 'Returning to School in September' presentation. It is also available on the school website to watch at your leisure.

Please do be patient with us in September, as we are all learning, just like you! Don't forget, we are here to look after you and your children and will do everything we possibly can to ensure that you all feel safe and happy upon your return to the Solent Schools. We are all here to support you along the way.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy summer break. I am very much looking forward to welcoming you back in September!

L Wilby

Executive Headteacher

The Solent Schools – September Arrangements

The information presented below is aimed at supporting our parents and carers in understanding the arrangements that we have in place ready for a full re-opening in September. We have also created some child focused presentations for pupils that are available on the school websites. Please [click here](#) to watch the SIS pupil guide and [click here](#) to watch the SJS pupil guide. These were created back in May, but are still highly relevant, and will be updated with any changes over the Summer holiday.

Bubble Arrangements

Bubble is the word that is now commonly used to describe the groups within which pupils and adults remain throughout their school day. They use the same room space, play space and resources, which are cleaned regularly and are not shared with other bubbles. The idea of a bubble represents the fact that the pupils and adults are being protected by not mixing with wider groups which in turn reduces the infection risk – a little like being in a real bubble. The aim being not to burst the bubble!

From September onwards, the smallest bubble will be your child's class. On occasion this will extend to a year group bubble, but pupils will never congregate for activities that involve more than a class size of pupils.

We will be continuing with our specialist music and sport provision at both schools inviting our specialist teachers in to work with all pupils. As they will be moving between our bubbles, they will remain socially distanced from pupils and class adults at all times and will not touch shared equipment.

We will also be continuing to provide essential pastoral support for all pupils. If your child requires support from a pastoral lead they may attend small pastoral groups with other children from their year group bubble. These will be held in discrete, well-ventilated rooms, away from their class bubble. The adults will socially distance from the pupils and clean the equipment and space between groups.

We will not be holding any large group activities, such as assemblies, until further notice. Pupils will continue to attend virtual assemblies delivered by senior leaders using Microsoft Teams and streamed directly to their class bubbles.

We will also not be holding any parent and carer meetings on site until further notice. During the Autumn term, you will be sent further details inviting you to attend virtual 'Curriculum Expectation' meetings with your child's class teacher and also virtual 'Parent Appointments' later on in the Autumn term.

Classrooms will be arranged with all desks facing forward for Year 2 upwards. This will support good respiratory hygiene practice. This will be reviewed regularly.

Staff and older pupils will still be encouraged to keep their distance from one another wherever possible. This cannot be guaranteed for our younger pupils and the measures taken will be age and stage appropriate.

Lunches

We have been carefully planning to ensure that the risk to your child is kept as low as possible throughout the school day. Lunchtime has possibly been the biggest challenge so far!

We won't be using any communal dining rooms, such as the school halls. All pupils will have their food delivered to them in the class bubbles.

Pupils at Solent Infant School will only have a cold option for the first half of the Autumn term. Junior School pupils will have both a hot and cold option to pick from. This will be risk assessed regularly and we may return to a hot menu option at SIS later on in the Autumn term if it becomes safe to do so.

We ask that all pupils at SIS order online and wherever possible pupils at SJS do the same each week. This makes the associated administration so much easier to manage.

Visitors

The school office will continue to operate in the same way it has been throughout lockdown. No visitors (including parents and carers) will be allowed on site except in the case of exceptional circumstances. We thank you in advance for your ongoing patience and kind understanding with this. The adults on the entrance each morning will be able to take any messages or medicine. It will be like a mini school office! Please do continue to email or phone for all communication with school.

Professional visitors will be significantly limited and will only be allowed where support for pupils is absolutely necessary e.g. therapists for pupils with SEN – any visits will be in line with full risk assessment and will take place outside of the class bubble. No volunteers will be allowed into school for the foreseeable future.

Drop off & Collection

The one-way systems that were established at the beginning of lockdown will remain in place. The SIS video guide and SJS video guide can be found on the school websites in the same location as the 'Retuning to School in September' presentation. Please note, there will be some building work commencing at SJS over the summer. The one-way system will change slightly to accommodate this, but this will be well signposted upon your return.

Whilst you are on site to drop off or collect, we kindly ask you to socially distance from all other adults and not to approach the staff on the doors. It is really important that you arrive and leave both the grounds and the vicinity of the school quickly, without stopping to chat, even outside on Eveleigh or Solent Road. As anti-social as this may appear, it avoids 'clusters' of people forming.

Both school car parks are closed to all traffic as they are being used as pedestrian entrances and exits.

No SJS pupils will be allowed onto the SIS site, unless accompanied by an adult.

When arriving to collect your child, you will need to provide your child's name and class to the adult that greets you. You will need to go and wait in your designated pod while the adult calls your child from their class to come out and meet you at the pod.

We would kindly ask that only one adult collects your child to reduce the number of adults on site at any one time.

We are operating staggered drop off and collection times (below). Please stick to these times closely to avoid unnecessary contact between our bubbles.

Solent Infant School

Class	Teacher	Drop off time	Entrance	Collection time	Collection pod
RecDE	Mrs Dallinger & Mrs Eades	8.40 – 8.50am	Year R Door	2.55 – 3.05pm	1
RecH	Mrs Harrington	8.50 – 9.00am	Year R Door	3.05 – 3.15pm	2
RecG	Miss Garland	9.00 – 9.10am	Year R Door	3.15 – 3.25pm	3
1C	Mrs Cryer	8.40 – 8.50am	Year 1 Door	2.55 – 3.05pm	4
1M	Miss Morris	8.50 – 9.00am	Year 1 Door	3.05 – 3.15pm	5
1MA	Mr Mason	9.00 – 9.10am	Year 1 Door	3.15 – 3.25pm	6
2PS	Mrs Pinhorne & Mrs Summers	8.40 – 8.50am	Year 2 Door	2.55 – 3.05pm	7
2R	Mrs Ray	8.50 – 9.00am	Year 2 Door	3.05 – 3.15pm	8
2L	Mrs Lempriere	9.00 – 9.10am	Year 2 Door	3.15 – 3.25pm	9

Solent Junior School

	Teacher	Drop Off Time	Entrance	Collection Time	Collection Pod	Pod Location
3S	Miss Saunders	8.30-8.40am	3S Door	2.50-3.00pm	3S	Top Playground
3A	Miss Adele	8.30-8.40am	3A Door	2.50-3.00pm	3A	Top Playground
3SW	Miss Sweatman	8.30-8.40am	3SW Door	2.50-3.00pm	3SW	Top Playground
4C	Mrs Colarusso	8.40-8.50am	4C Door	3.00-3.10pm	4C	Adjacent to 4C Door
4A	Mrs Andrews	8.40-8.50am	4A Door	3.00-3.10pm	4A	Main South Playground
4G	Miss Gall	8.40-8.50am	4G Door	3.00-3.10pm	4G	Main South Playground
5SW	Mrs Winslade	8.50 – 9.00am	Year 5 Door	3.10-3.20pm	5SW	Main South Playground
5A	Mrs Atkins & Mrs Galbraith	8.50 – 9.00am	5A Door	3.10-3.20pm	5A	Main South Playground
5W	Mr Washer	8.50 – 9.00am	Year 5 Door	3.10-3.20pm	5W	Main South Playground
6S	Miss Smith	8.30-8.40am	6S Door	2.50-3.00pm	6S	Main South Playground
6H	Miss Hill	8.30-8.40am	6H Door	2.50-3.00pm	6H	Main South Playground
6P	Mrs Pye	8.30-8.40am	6P Door	2.50-3.00pm	6P	Main South Playground

If upper school pupils are permitted to walk home alone, they will be released from school at the beginning of the collection time for that class.

Cleaning

Enhanced hygiene and cleaning schedules will continue. 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' continues to be our approach with the pupils. We have new lidded bins in all rooms. Regular handwashing opportunities are built into every pupil's daily timetable. All bubbles at Solent Infant School have their own handwashing stations and additional external handwashing facilities have been installed at Solent Junior School. Our team of school cleaners led by our site manager are on site daily after school, ensuring a full cleaning schedule is adhered to. Each bubble has stocks of antibacterial wipes, paper towels and antibacterial spray to allow for resources and tables to be wiped down by staff throughout the day, whenever they feel appropriate.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Farlington Wraparound Service (FWAS) have liaised closely with us over the past month regarding our use of bubbles during the school day. They are very keen to support us in keeping these bubbles as discrete as possible. As such, their provision will be operating in single year group bubbles (reflecting ours), using separate rooms, resources and provision for each year group. These are rooms that the school are not using during the day for other year groups and will help to ensure that our bubbles remain intact.

No school run after school activity clubs will take place this Autumn term. Some of our external providers will be offering adapted provision, so please watch out for all correspondence directly from these providers.

The Recovery Curriculum

Over the coming year, our curriculum and timetable will be more flexible, to respond to the different needs of the children. Priority in September will be placed upon pupil wellbeing and emotional response to the pandemic by including lots of personal, social and emotional education, wellbeing theme-based learning, active and outdoor learning as well as Reading, Writing and Maths. The primary focus will be in ensuring all pupils feel safe and happy!

Staff have participated in and had access to a range of professional development resources to support them in using the very best research and guidance available.

The curriculum will be kept broad, so that your children continue to receive both breadth and depth in their learning experiences.

We will continue to use Microsoft Teams for all home learning and also with any pupils who are forced to self-isolate. The self-isolation provision will be made available once a family notifies the school of the need to do so. The nature of this provision will depend on the context at that time.

Physical Education (PE)

Pupils will participate in PE outdoors wherever possible. Contact sport will be limited and all equipment will be cleaned after use. Please make sure that your child comes into school dressed in their PE kit on their allocated PE days. This will limit the amount of kit in school. Please use trainers rather than plimsolls. You will be notified of when these days are early in the Autumn term. We kindly ask that you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit, as outlined in the uniform list on the school website. Please remember that your child will remain in this kit throughout the day. For this reason, if the weather turns cold, we ask that they wear Black tracksuit bottoms, their PE T shirt and their school sweatshirt or cardigan. SJS pupils may wear black sweatshirts with the black tracksuit if desired, but they must have their 'house' t shirt underneath.

Uniform and Resources

All children are expected to wear full school uniform from Thursday 3rd September onwards. All pupils will be provided with their own stationery resource pack in school – you do not need to provide anything further. These packs are labelled with our child's name and will be for their sole use. No resources will be traveling between home and school until further notice and so no book bags or other bags can be brought into school. Your child will need to bring a coat, water bottle, fruit snack and lunch box (if not school lunches) with them to school daily – nothing else will be allowed.

Assessment

The initial priority in September will be supporting and addressing wellbeing, emotional, physical and social needs of all children. The next priority will be to provide carefully directed teaching and learning that is aimed at negating the impact of missed education. Pupils starting points will be formatively assessed early in the term, as part of ongoing class delivery. Any gaps in knowledge and skills will be targeted using a carefully planned suite of learning experiences. The curriculum will remain flexible in order that we are able to accommodate this as effectively as possible. There will be an additional mid term progress report in October, which will be emailed home.

Contingency Planning – Potential Coronavirus Outbreaks

Plan A is to proceed as described in this letter and in the presentation. This assumes that there are no changes.

Plan B is the contingency, should there be a confirmed case of Coronavirus at Solent, or if there is a local outbreak or we are forced back into lockdown. Below I explain the response if this were the case.

If someone has symptoms

Any pupil showing symptoms will be isolated. Staff will call parents or carers to collect the child asap and will wait with the isolating child. Staff at this point will wear PPE.

Any staff member showing symptoms will inform a senior leader. This staff member will leave the premises immediately, once the senior leader has been informed. The senior leader will advise the staff member on next steps and will arrange cover within the bubble.

The symptomatic pupil or staff member will be told to take a Coronavirus test as soon as possible after leaving school.

If the test is positive, then they will need to self-isolate for 7 days – members of their household will be told to self-isolate for 14 days. The whole bubble would need to close asap and all staff and pupils from the bubble would need to self-isolate and get tested.

If the test is negative, then they will be able to return to school and the bubble.

If there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus

If there is a possible outbreak – If there are two or more cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where Coronavirus is suspected, the school will decide if additional action is needed. Whole school closure will not generally be necessary and we are unlikely to consider this, except if our local health protection team advises it.

In the case of a local outbreak – If the local areas see a spike in infection rates, our school may be advised to close temporarily for most pupils (similar to the situation in March 2020).

If this happens, we already have a contingency plan in place to offer immediate remote education for all pupils at home via their Microsoft Class Team.

This is all subject to change, should the DfE provide additional or updated guidelines for schools. We will inform you of any changes if this does become the case!