



# SHERBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Key Information for the Autumn Term 2021

1st September 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new exciting school year! I sincerely hope that everyone had a lovely summer and enjoyed your family time.

As the whole country continues to open from the Coronavirus pandemic, Sherborne Primary will be adjusting our operations accordingly. I have included the important information related to this below. Even though many aspects of life are returning to normal, the virus is still with us and our school must do all we can to minimise disruption to your child's education and keep all safe.

### Key Operational Information for the Autumn Term 2021:

- *Reverting to our usual start & finish times - 8:45am (gates open), 8:55am start time - 3:20pm collection. A bell will sound at these three key times to help staff coordinate timings*
- *No bubbles (including SCAPA)*
- *Continuing our **ONE WAY SYSTEM** around school (this is particularly important with all arriving and leaving together) including your entry gate (i.e. entry through the upper silver gate first if dropping off or picking up EYFS / KS1 children). This should ensure everyone is facing the same direction*
- *Face coverings are optional for all*
- *Our full curriculum resumes (including swimming, performances, singing etc.)*
- *All extra-curricular clubs will commence, week beginning Monday 13th September*
- *Our usual school uniform (including appropriate school shoes)*
- *We will still be limiting visitors to our premises. Parental Assemblies will hope to start after half-term (I will continue to post my Achievement Assembly video on Class Dojo)*
- *I will continue to post a weekly update (at times a video) on Class Dojo*
- *Please be conscious of the limit space within the entrance and respect the distance between each other*
- *SCAPA will operate within their usual area at the back of the school outside of the KS1 classes. Access is via the back playground door*

### Covid Updates:

- All adults are welcome to continue Lateral Flow Testing (as our staff will be doing) to keep our community safe
- If anyone within your household has Covid-19 symptoms (*continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste / smell*) it is highly recommended to seek a PCR test (nhs website or 119)



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- **No child should come to school with any Covid symptoms and will be asked to be collected from school if they are showing any symptoms at school**
- The latest government guidelines means that under 18's can attend school if awaiting a PCR test, or are a close contact of a positive case, **as long as they have no symptoms themselves**

Further communication will detail the events for this term and I strongly encourage everyone to download this information for your reference. This should be available the 2nd week of the Autumn Term.

The government requires all schools to provide a detailed risk assessment and plan in case of a rise in local Covid cases. This is called a 'Step Up / Outbreak Plan'. IF this has to be enacted, SPS will swiftly revert to our Covid safe operations including bubbles etc. (as per last year). We will of course communicate any changes in our operations as quickly as possible. Our plans are also available within our website.

For our new parents a quick reminder that SPS utilises Class Dojo as our main communication system both at class and whole school level. This will include a weekly update (either text or a short video) to help all. If you have any questions about the details above, do not hesitate to contact myself.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible support last academic year. I am so proud of our amazing community and the way we all care and look after each other.

I look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday 6th September (Yr 1 - Yr 6) from 8:45am.**

**Yours sincerely,**

*Jan Bartle*

**Mr Ian Bartle (Headteacher)**