



7th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are probably aware, the Government issued a statement late last week saying that all children will be back in school in September with certain measures in place. We will try and keep things as normal as possible for the children but there will be a few changes to their daily routine.

Following the guidelines children will remain in their class groups throughout the day to minimise contact and maintain social distancing/keeping groups separate in class 'bubbles'.

DfE guidelines are that only 1 adult to bring and collect children to maximise prevention.

Beginning and end of day:

Red (Mrs Tallent): 8.45/ 11.45

Red classroom

Purple(Mrs Vallely): 8.50/ 2.50

KS1 gate

Green(Mrs Derrick): 9.00/ 3.00

KS1 gate

Blue(Miss Willis): 8.55/ 2.55

KS1 gate

KS2 gate is next to the kitchen – we don't normally use this gate due to deliveries but this will not be happening in September so this gate is safe to use.

Orange(Mrs Brown): 8.55/ 2.50

KS2 gate

Yellow(Miss Brown/Mrs McQuillan): 8.50/ 2.55

KS2 gate

Pink(Mrs Edwards/Miss Brown): 9.00/ 3.00

KS2 gate

I must stress punctuality to parents/carers to maximise the Governments preventative measures to avoid pupils and adults mixing and overcrowding areas/ having unnecessary contact; pupils will access their classrooms directly from the playground as recommended by the DfE, the main entrance and office cannot be used for pupils to gain access to the school to ensure children are kept in their class 'bubbles'. I look forward to your cooperation in this very important matter.

Curriculum

"For children in nursery settings, teachers should focus on the prime areas of learning, including: communication and language, personal, social and emotional development (PSED) and physical development. For pupils in Reception Year, teachers should also assess and address gaps in language, early reading and mathematics, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary. Settings should follow updates to the [EYFS disapplication guidance](#). For nursery settings

and Reception, consider how all groups of children can be given equal opportunities for outdoor learning.

For pupils in key stages 1 and 2, school leaders are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary. The curriculum should remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, PE/sport, RE and RHE."

PE will be delivered outside – on PE days pupils should come dressed for PE (white T-shirt, joggers, trainers). PE days are as follows:

Monday – Purple Class

Tuesday – Green Class

Wednesday – Blue Class

Thursday – Orange Class

Friday – Yellow and Pink Classes.

For the foreseeable future there will be no daily assembly, celebration assemblies or after school sports clubs. Face to face parent's evenings will not be taking place under current guidelines.

During morning break the teacher will go outside with the children while other staff clean the classroom and toilet areas. Break times will be staggered to minimise 'bubbles' mixing and to achieve maximum prevention. Toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day by staff. School will also be cleaned at the beginning and end of the day.

Lunchtimes will be different to what the children have been used to as there will be no hot meals served from the kitchen as lunches have to be taken in class 'bubbles' to avoid children mixing and maintain social distancing. School can provide a packed lunch for children entitled to Universal Free School Meals (Reception to Year 2) and those receiving income based Free School Meals. A copy of the menu is attached. Please e-mail school no later than 10am on Friday 10th July to let us know if your child will be wanting a school packed lunch and which days. If you pay for school lunches and would like a school packed lunch please contact the office to order and arrange payment. Please reply to admin@seatondelaval.northumberland.sch.uk.

Lunchtimes will be as follows:

Purple Class – 11.45 – 12.15 lunch in classroom, 12.15 – 12.45 outside time

Green Class – 11.45 – 12.15 outside time, 12.15-12.45 lunch in classroom

Blue Class – 11.45 – 12.15 outside time, 12.15-12.45 lunch in classroom

Orange Class – 11.45-12.15 lunch in classroom, 12.15 – 12.45 outside time

Yellow Class – 11.45 -12.45 outside time, 12.15-12.45 lunch in classroom

Pink Class – 11.45 – 12.15 lunch in classroom, 12.15 – 12.45 outside time.

Please note outside time will be on KS1 yard, KS2 yard or the MUGA to maintain social distancing between classes. During outside time classrooms and toilet areas will be cleaned by a member of staff.

Classroom furniture will be set up following the latest guidelines with children sitting side by side in rows facing the front of the classroom to maintain distancing. All children will have an individual supply of resources, this will be a plastic zipped bag containing, pencils, glue stick, ruler, colouring pencils and maths equipment. Please note no resources to be brought from home (pencils, pens, pencil cases, etc).

Before School Club.

This is the latest guidelines from the DfE

"We recognise that this will be logistically challenging for schools, particularly for clubs that would normally offer support across year groups, where parents are using multiple providers, or where childminders are picking up/dropping off pupils. Schools should carefully consider how they can make such provision work alongside their wider protective measures, including keeping children within their year groups or bubbles where possible."

Our understanding of this is that the children attending before school club would have to be kept in that group/bubble all day long with those children aged from Reception to Year 4 and I am sure you would agree this is not what you want. We will try to think of a solution for this and if you need Before School childcare please contact the school so we know what numbers we could be working with if the guidelines change.

If you have any questions or comments please e-mail the school and we will respond to you as soon as possible.

We will continue to ensure all children and adults are as safe as possible in these difficult times.

We look forward to seeing all Year 1 to Year 4 pupils on Wednesday 2nd September 2020, Reception children have a staggered start, Group 1- 2nd September at 8.50am – 11.45am, Group 2 – 2nd September 1pm – 2.50pm. Group 2- 3rd September 8.50am – 11.45am, Group 1- 3rd September 1pm – 2.50pm and both groups on 4th September 8.50am – 2.50pm.

Have a lovely summer break and stay safe.

Best Wishes
Oliver Flitcroft
Headteacher

