

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **WELCOME BACK!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful day we've had! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our pupils back for the start of this new academic year. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the year ahead. This letter has been compiled to provide you with some key information, including term dates and updated Covid-19 guidance. We will continue to share a school newsletter with you every 3 weeks to keep you updated with all of the wonderful things happening.

## **Summer news!**

Over the summer break some of our staff have had big reasons to celebrate! Please join us in congratulating:

- Mr Blackburn on his marriage.
- Miss Archer (now Mrs Walker-Shelton) on her marriage.

## **Covid-19:**

School continues to work under a robust risk assessment that is written in line with government guidance. A summary of key details is shown below:

- It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent bubbles in school.
- Assemblies can resume. (We will be adopting a mixed approach of virtual assemblies for whole-school and in-person phase/house assemblies.)
- Children from different classes/bubbles are able to mix at break and lunchtimes.
- Face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, staff or visitors in classrooms or communal areas.
- Good hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, appropriate cleaning regimes, ventilated spaces and the following of all Public Health England advice remain.
- Asymptomatic testing (also known as LFD testing) is recommended to continue twice weekly (these are readily available free of charge from pharmacies)

**The largest change relates to self-isolation: Children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case/contacted by NHS Test and Trace.**

This means that pupils are able to attend school when someone in their household has tested positive. To protect our staff and school community as much as possible, we kindly ask that in instances such as this, that government guidance of all household members getting a PCR test is followed. This will significantly reduce the risk of the virus spreading in school as a result of this change.

## **Term dates:**

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022**

### **Autumn term:**

**Half term: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Term ends: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December (school closes at 1pm to all pupils – no Friday club provision on this day)**

### **Spring term:**

**Term begins: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (INSET day – school closed to pupils. Pupils return Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Term ends: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (school closes at 1pm to all pupils – no Friday club provision on this day)**

### **Summer term:**

**Term begins: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 (INSET day – school closed to pupils. Pupils return Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**Half term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**

**Term ends: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (school closes at 1pm to all pupils)**

**INSET days: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

### **Communication:**

Last academic year, we used class emails as a means of communication due to the main school office being closed and face-to-face contact on playgrounds not being allowed as a control measure for Covid. I am pleased to inform you that current guidance suggests this is no longer needed and we are able to revert to our normal communication methods:

- Class teachers will be out on playgrounds at the end of each school day.
- Our school [enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk) email address is open for any email queries. These will then be forwarded to the appropriate staff member as necessary.
- Red and yellow cards will be sent home in paper form for parents.
- Letters to parents will continue to be emailed and uploaded to our website, as part of our quest to reduce paper waste.

### **Senior Leadership Team:**

The whole Sutton Park Primary team are committed to making our school the very best that it can be. The table below shows the members of the Senior Leadership Team and their roles. We will continue to be out on gate/playground duty daily if you have any queries or concerns.

SLT Name:	Role:
Mrs Middleton	Head of School
Mrs Dunning	Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs Runacus	Lead Practitioner for Inclusion
Mrs Davin	Assistant Head Teacher
Mrs Kamran	Assistant Head Teacher
Miss Simpson	Assistant Head Teacher
Miss Akay	Trust Leader for Pastoral

### **Houses:**

A reminder of our classes and the houses they belong to:

		
6T – Miss Trowman 4K – Miss Kyle 5WS – Mrs Clarke (Mrs Walker-Shelton on her return)	5H – Miss Heath 1P – Miss Painting 1SC – Mrs Stanley & Miss Connolly 3H – Mr Hill	4A – Mr Allen 2G – Miss Gorrige 3BMB – Mrs Byrne & Mrs Msanide-Brookes 6D – Miss Dhillon

### **Arrival and Departure Procedures:**

Year group:	Morning drop-off:	Afternoon collection:
Nursery	AM Session - 8:45-11:45	PM Session: 12:15-3:15
Reception	8:45am	3:15pm
Y1 and Y2	8:45am	3:15pm
Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	8:45am	3:20pm

### **School Uniform:**

There are no changes to our school uniform. The compulsory uniform for Sutton Park Primary is:

- Sutton Park Primary sweatshirt/cardigan (with SP logo, no plain sweatshirts/cardigans)
- White polo shirt (SP logo embroidered is preferred)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Grey tights/socks
- Black school shoes (no trainers)

### **PE:**

Pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their designated PE days. Pupils remain in their PE kits all day and do not need to bring uniform to change into. For PE, the compulsory uniform is:

- Burgundy sports t-shirt (must have SP logo)
- Black shorts (shorts with SP logo are available and preferred)

- Black PE pumps/trainers for outdoors
- Plain black tracksuits can also be worn due to children wearing their PE kits all day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5WS	1SC	1P	Nursery	Reception
4A	4K	4A	5H	
1SC	5WS	5H	4K	
3BMB	1P	2G	2G	
6D	3H	3BMB	3H	
	6D	6T	6T	

### **Friday afternoons:**

As explained in a letter dated Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, school will be closing every Friday at 1pm to most pupils. A 'Friday Club' provision will be available to parents who meet the specified criteria. Places for this should be booked via [enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@suttonparkprimary.co.uk). **Friday club starts this week and places MUST be booked in advance. Please email your request for a place by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.** The letter regarding Friday closures and the criteria for Friday Club can be found on our school website in the 'letters home' section.

### **Our hopes for the year ahead...**

The summer saw significant internal and external building work being completed in school. The windows and cladding have been finished, we're sure you agree that the exterior of the building is now much improved. The bright green classrooms on Lewis and Rowling are now a thing of the past. They've been painted white and grey and look fantastic! Our library has been loaded with a range of new, high-quality texts, ready for pupils to access it throughout the school day and during some lunchtimes. And this week, our art gallery will be going up along the main school corridor! (Keep an eye on our twitter page for pictures of this.)

Despite the additional challenges faced in the past two years, we have still made significant strides in our improvement journey. We enter this academic year with excitement and anticipation for what we will achieve together!

Thank you for your continued support,



Mrs Middleton  
Head of School



Mrs Dunning  
Deputy Head

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