

The Summerbank Sentinel

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An update for everyone on what's been happening in school and what comes next...

STARTING BACK

Dear All

Firstly a big thank you to all children, parents and staff for how helpful you have been during our return back to school. Thank you for adjusting to the new systems we have brought in and for remaining positive throughout. It is so good to see the children back enjoying learning, seeing their friends and coping well during what are for everyone challenging times. I am sure that this term will bring further challenges but if we continue to work together I know we will continue to overcome these.

Miss Pearson

STAYING SAFE AT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone for adjusting so quickly to the new one way system at the start and the end of the day. This is generally working well with people being mindful of social distancing. It is a real challenge moving so many people on and off site safely so I would ask that you help further by doing the following:

- Children in Rec to Y6 can be dropped off any time between 8.45am and 9am. Please do not arrive any earlier than 8.45am (it is currently much quieter just before 9am)
- Nursery children arrive from 8.50am. If you have a Nursery child drop them off first before you take your other children round
- Children in Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 are collected any time between 2.55pm and 3.05pm. Please not arrive at school before 2.55pm.
- If you have a child in Y4 they come outside at 3.05pm, if you have younger children then aim to arrive at school after 3pm and collect them on the way
- If you have a Y6 child they come outside at 3.10pm, if you have younger children collect them just before this at 3.05pm.

Please be mindful of local residents when dropping off and picking up children. If you live in walking distance to school please choose to walk where possible, if you live further away then a reminder that Lidl are happy for parents from our school to use their car park and then walk up to school. If you do use the local streets to park then please be mindful of not blocking residents' access – I am aware Parking Wardens are patrolling the area and may issue tickets for illegal parking.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We started Breakfast Club up on Wednesday this week. To start with we only offered Breakfast Club to children of Key Workers. We are now able to offer this more widely but we do ask that you **apply for a place** and **book in advance** for the days that you want so that we can make sure children from different year group bubbles stay separate.

The charge is £2 per day per child and includes care from 8am until the start of school. This is to be paid for the week on the first day attended. If you are interested in using our breakfast club, please ask the office for an application form office@summerbank.co.uk and then return it to us. We will then get back to you and confirm if a place is available.

BUILDING WORK

As you will be aware the Main Entrance to school is now completed – and looking great! Building work continues to be done within the school building. Should you need to speak to the school office we would still ask that you do this by phone/email in the first instance. If you do need to come into the school office then please make sure that only one family enters the office area at a time.

HELPING STAY COVID-19 SAFE

To help our school community stay safe we have put in measures within school that are either about **Prevention** or **Response to Infection**.

Prevention includes:

- Minimising contact with those who might be unwell
- Washing hands regularly
- Good hygiene around nose blowing, tissues etc
- Extra cleaning through the school day
- Social distancing where possible
- Using PPE if appropriate

Response to Infection includes:

- Engaging with NHS Track and Trace
- Following advice from Public Health England
- Managing any confirmed cases

SOCIAL MEDIA HOAX - NOT TRUE

There is fake news on social media saying that if a child is ill in school with COVID-19 symptoms they will be taken away from their family – **this is NOT true**. If your child has any possible symptoms we will ring you and ask **you** to collect them and any brothers/sisters.

We will then give **you** instructions of how **you** should book them a test. Everyone in the family will then need to isolate at home.

When **you** get the result you need to if it is positive or negative.

- If **NEGATIVE** the other children can come back to school and your child can come back to school when they are well again.
- If **POSITIVE** everyone at home has to isolate for 14 days from when they symptoms started (except for the person that tested positive – they only need to isolate for 10 days).



SOCIAL MEDIA - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

I know many children have been using social media, websites and apps more during lockdown. Please make sure you know what your children are accessing and place limits on what they can and can't see. Internet use can have many benefits but can also expose children to information, images and videos they should not see. For more detail see the **Online Safety** part of our website under the **Children** tab.



PLAYTIME & LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

We have changed how lunchtime and playtime happens to help children stay in their year group bubbles. At playtime they stay as their class or year bubble and have a part of the yard that belongs to their bubble.

Children now also have their lunch as a bubble some classes eat in their classrooms and some in the dinner hall. For this reason we have a more limited menu choice as all cooked meals (whether eaten in the classroom or dinner hall) are packed in advance for the children and brought to them at their table. Children having school dinners choose their menu every morning. An example menu is given below (there are 3 different menus which we rotate).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza, potato balls & beans Or Jacket potato & cheese & beans Or A sandwich	Cheese whirl, potato wedges & beans Or Jacket potato & cheese & beans Or A sandwich	Salmon bites, mashed potatoes & mixed veg Or Jacket potato & cheese & beans Or A sandwich	Roast chicken (halal) or Sausage (non-halal), roast potatoes, carrots & broccoli Or A sandwich	Battered fish fillet, chips & peas Or Jacket potato & cheese & beans Or A sandwich
Choc Chip muffin & a drink	Ice Cream pot & a drink	Ring doughnut & a drink	Biscuit & a drink	Ice lolly & a drink

PAYING FOR SCHOOL MEALS

At the moment we are only offering school meals to children who qualify for Free School Meals and for Universal Free School Meals. Later this term we will be introducing the Parent Pay online system for children who currently bring sandwiches but you would prefer to have a cooked meal. The first year group to be offered this service will be Nursery. Letters will come out to parents as we begin to introduce this.

HANDSANITISING

From next week classes will be using more hand sanitiser through the day. Please inform the school office if there is any reason your child should not be doing this.