

Snainton Church of England Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr M Davies BA (Hons), NPQH

Wednesday 8th September, 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It is always an exciting day when we welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. They all looked so smart in their school uniform and there were some wonderful smiles as they entered the school.

School day

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the timings of the school day.

8:35 – school gate opens

8:45 – start of the school day

12:00pm – nursery collection

12:30pm – nursery collection (if they have had a school lunch)

3pm – end of the school day

After school clubs

A separate letter will be sent out as soon as possible to share the after school clubs that will begin from Monday next week. Clubs will run after school until 4pm. Priority for places will be given to those children with parents that have commitments like work or studying. Please inform the school office if this applies to you and we are not already aware.

I am considering the viability of after school provision beyond 4pm. School has not previously offered this type of wrap around care and it would be dependent on sufficient pupil numbers. At this stage, please indicate if this is of interest so that I can carry out a financial assessment of running after school care. Please note, if it isn't financially viable to run this provision, it will not be offered.

Email me headteacher@snainton.n-yorks.sch.uk or speak to me at the school gate.

Covid arrangements

As you will know, the national guidance has changed significantly over the summer holidays. As a school, we were in a minority of schools that didn't need to close 'bubbles' last academic year. This was as a result of a robust approach to all safety measures. Some of the safety measures will remain in place from September and further safety measures may be reintroduced if there are a number of positive cases identified in school. Obviously we hope not to need these, but school is prepared for managing an outbreak should we need to. These documents are available on the covid pages on the school website.

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School will continue to operate a one-way system at drop off and collection times. As they enter school, children will be asked to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water. Throughout the day, children will be encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene. Windows will be opened to ventilate internal spaces. In colder weather, windows will be opened during break times and put on trickle vent when classrooms are occupied with heaters on to keep everyone warmer.

It remains important that your child only brings items to school that are essential for the school day. This will include a packed lunch, medication, water bottle etc. Please do not send your child with their own stationery or allow them to bring teddy's/toys/fidget items in to school from home. Class teachers will hand over any items brought into school to parents/carers at the end of the school day.

Covid symptoms/positive cases

As before, it remains important that any individual displaying symptoms of covid should book a PCR test through the NHS. Children must not be brought to school if they have symptoms of covid. If your child displays symptoms in school, you will be asked to collect them and requested to book a PCR test for them. School is no longer responsible for identifying close contacts of positive cases so you will not receive notification from school on this matter. Instead, you will be notified by Track and Trace if your child is identified as a close contact.

Government guidance states that family members do not need to self-isolate if there is a positive case within the household. However, I urge you to carefully consider the potential impact on the whole school community if you were to send your child to school in this scenario. I will fully support your decision to keep your child at home in these circumstances and your child's attendance record will not be negatively impacted by such a decision.

Uniform

The children look wonderful in their new uniforms ready to start the school year. Thank you for taking care to follow the school uniform policy, especially with regard to items bearing the old school logo.

Please also check the PE kit details in the school uniform policy. It is just as important that your child wears the correct school PE kit on Monday. Maple and Silver Birch Class will both continue to have PE each Monday with the team from Hawkes Health. Children can come to school wearing their PE kit on a Monday morning and bring a spare pair of socks in case they get wet from the grass.

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Staffing

There will be a change to my own teaching commitment compared to previous years. Mrs Bond will now be the full time teacher in Silver Birch Class and I will continue to cover Mrs Bond's planning time on alternate Fridays. This will provide greater continuity for all the children in this class.

Over the past year, our school has grown significantly with over 50% increase in pupil numbers. This year already looks like we will see a further increase in pupil numbers. Due to this successful period of growth, we are going to recruit an additional member of staff to support learning and teaching in Silver Birch Class. This new appointment will support Mrs Bond's class each morning.

Once again, we look forward to a new school year with optimism and with excellent plans to continue our school development. Your support for our school is always appreciated, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Davies
Headteacher

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