



All Souls' Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a happy summer holiday and that you and your families have all kept well. It has certainly been different to what we are used to but I hope that you have managed to make the most of the beautiful countryside we have in this area.

Just a few reminders for the start of term.

Holidays abroad

Please remember that if you have been to any of the countries abroad, which are on the Government quarantine list, you must make sure that you follow guidance and let the school office know if your child will not be in school. Please remember that the expectation is that every child will be returning to school full time from Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Masks

I am sure that you are aware of the discussions about mask wearing in schools. The guidance has not changed for Primary schools and so children or adults will not be expected to wear masks within the school setting. We will keep you up to date of any changes. If you are travelling to school via public transport, you should be wearing a mask and these must not be brought into school.

Visitors

We will be limiting the number of visitors on site including parents. A member of SLT will be on the gate in the morning and afternoon so if you have anything urgent please speak to one of us. You can contact the office via phone or email office@allsouls.kent.sch.uk. Please be mindful that it will be a very busy start to the term and so your call may not always be answered. Please leave a message on the answerphone and someone will get back to you as soon as they can. If you have questions for the class teachers, you can send a note in with your child or let one of us know on the gate. Teachers will then get back to you via email or a phone call as soon as they can.

PE

Please ensure that your child comes dressed in their school PE kit on their PE day. Due to the current situation, we cannot provide spare PE kit. We will telephone you to ask if you can bring a kit in if they arrive to school on the day not wearing it. There will be no school swimming until at least January.

Equipment

Please do not allow your children to bring anything into school apart from a lunchbox, water bottle and a coat. Water fountains are not allowed to be used so it is important that they have their own named bottle. Please bring a coat, as we will aim to be outside for break and lunchtime as much as possible (even if there is a bit of rain!) To allow all children to have some outside playtime between 12 and 1pm, we will be using a small area of the park for our Year 5/6 children only. I have spoken to the council and they have agreed that we can take cones with us to ensure the space is just used for our children at that time.



Timings of the school day

A reminder of the timings for the school day. Please be prompt to drop off and pick up so that we can keep 'bubbles' separate as much as possible. Breakfast club begins at 7.45am and the children will need to enter via the playground gate and into the hall. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school site with them.

Year Group	Beginning of the day	End of the day
Reception-Ladybirds class	8.30am Black gate	2.40pm Black gate
Year 1 and 2- Dragonflies, Bumblebees, Caterpillar class	8.30am Playground gate	2.40pm Playground gate
Year 3 and 4- Sharks, Dolphins, Stingrays class	8.40am Playground gate	2.50pm Playground gate
Year 5 and 6- Orcas, Penguins, Turtles class	8.50am Playground gate	3pm Playground gate

Illness

Please remind your children about good hand and respiratory hygiene. We will be asking them to wash and or antibac their hands periodically throughout the school day (following guidance). If your child or a member of your household suspects they have coronavirus symptoms (loss of taste and or smell, high temperature, new continuous cough) please let the school know and ensure that you are tested. Please do not send your child to school if you suspect this. We will soon be moving into the winter so I am sure that we will have the usual coughs, colds, sneezes and sickness bugs that occur at this time of the year. If your child has been sick, they must not return to school for at least 48 hours. If you are leaving a message about a child's absence, please state very clearly what your child is absent for.

I am sorry to start the new school year with so many rules and regulations! I would like to reassure you all that we are fully prepared to welcome all of your children back and all of the staff are very excited and eager to get back to teaching your children face to face!

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 3rd September for a term of fun filled learning!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ransley
Headteacher

