



# Senacre Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move into the final term of the year, we hope to remove some of the restrictions that we have been previously asked to enforce, whilst continuing to follow government guidance for schools, which is still very much in place. Unfortunately, due to some local schools having to shut bubbles very recently, and COVID-19 cases still present in the community, we do have to move forward cautiously.

## **Start and Finish Times- NEW**

We endeavour to move towards our normal school times next term, but need your help to ensure social distancing is maintained at the gates. **Please arrive promptly and see your child through the gate quickly.**

Start Time	Front Gate	Back Gate
8:40am	Families with more than one child (Surname A-J)	Families with more than one child (Surname K-Z)
8.50am	EYFS and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2- 3,4,5,6

Finish Time	Front Gate	Back Gate
3pm	Families with more than one child (Surname A-J)	Families with more than one child (Surname K-Z)
3.10pm	EYFS and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2- 3,4,5,6

Can we please remind all parents to wear a mask when speaking to a member of staff. Many of our teachers and TAs still have not received one or both of their vaccinations. Transmission of the virus is still possible, even if you have been vaccinated.

## **Breakfast Club-NEW**

- Breakfast club will move back to its original 8am slot and continues to run from the main gates.
- Children will be let through the gate between 8 and 8.15am and will go via their classrooms, put their things away and go to the hall.
- The hall will be ventilated, and tables will be distanced into bubbles. Children will give their orders in the hall and there will be daily activities to take part in.

## **After school clubs.**

- New outside clubs will commence the second week of Term 6, and will finish on the penultimate week of term. There will be no clubs the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- Spaces will be based on a first come, first serve basis- please text or email reply to the office.

## **Uniform**

- We are still asking children to wear uniform on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Tuesday and Thursdays, children need to resume wearing the normal school PE kit- there should be no logos or branding on show (a plain or school logo white t-shirt, plain black, grey or navy tracksuit bottoms, or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers) with earring removed before school or by the child. Pupils can wear PE Kit to and from school. If the correct uniform is not worn, children will be given a clean quarantined item. If this is not available, children will miss the session.

- If the weather does heat up, sun cream needs to be applied before school and a sun hat provided.

### **Reading Books and School Bags**

- Home reading books will continue to be sent home throughout the week.
- Children can bring the following items from home: water bottles, packed lunches, reading books. They may bring a bag to put these in. Stationery and toys from home are not necessary- we provide children with all the equipment they will need.
- If the children have anything that they would like to show, a photo can be uploaded at home onto Seesaw and viewed in the classroom by the teacher and other children.

### **Bubbles and Staff Testing.**

- We will be continuing to maintain our bubbles of EYFS, Key Stage One, Lower Key Stage Two and Upper Key Stage Two. Children will remain in their year group classes for lessons but will have the opportunity to mix with the other year group within their bubble at break and lunch times, and for sports and workshops activities.
- All of our staff voluntarily undertake an LFD test twice a week, and have done since January, so that we can quickly ascertain if a member of staff is asymptomatic but has the virus, and review what course of action needs to be taken.

### **If a child becomes unwell in school**

- **If your child is unwell, they should not be attending school and a phone call needs to be made to inform us of this situation. If someone in your house has symptoms, you must isolate immediately and inform us. We have had to turn children away at the gate in the past year, as parents have informed us that their child, or someone in their family has a sudden cough or a temperature. If a child develops these symptoms in school, they will be isolated from the class and parents will be called to collect.**
- It is a good idea to test your family regularly with the readily available LFD testing kits. **If your child develops any COVID-19 symptoms, including those which are part of a cold, you must book a full PCR test and keep any siblings at home until your receive a negative result.**

If you have any further questions on the above information, please do not hesitate to email [office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@senacre-wood.kent.sch.uk). From all the staff here, have a lovely half term break and enjoy this long awaited sunshine!

Yours sincerely,



Miss Comerford  
Acting Headteacher

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