

Plan for Full Reopening of South Darley C.E. Primary School September 2020

The government has asked all primary schools to open to all children in all year groups from September 2020. We will therefore be opening full time on Wednesday September 2nd for all children.

There are many aspects we need to consider when reopening in order to ensure that the whole school community remains as safe as possible, and that we comply with government guidance.

Our aim is to ensure the health and safety of children, staff and parents, whilst returning to as near normal as possible. In the event of a coronavirus outbreak we would expect, subject to advice from Public Health England, to close the whole school for 14 days due to the size of our school, the amount of children with siblings in other classes and the level of contact members of the school community have with each other outside the school day. For this reason we will technically treat the school as one bubble but will keep apart classes as much as possible during the school day. This will give us much more scope to return the school to 'normal' whilst reducing the risk of spread within the school community.

Organisation of Classes

Classes will return as normal; the infants with Miss Gill and Mrs Fletcher, Y3-4 with Mr Pass, and Y5-6 with Mrs Worth and Mr Wilde. For some subjects such as RE and PSHE members of staff might teach other classes.

Classrooms will be organised with children seated in rows, side by side, facing the teacher. Groups of children, facing each other around tables, is not permitted.

Learning & Curriculum

Our curriculum will operate as normal and the topics studied will be the same as those outlined in our long term plan. Whilst we understand that all children will have had a different experience of learning during lockdown, feedback from our parent surveys suggest that most children have kept up with their learning and so there is no reason to change our curriculum structure. As is normal practice, we will assess our children when they return and if we believe there are gaps in the children's knowledge and skills we will put the appropriate learning interventions in place. This may mean tutoring or booster sessions for some pupils in some subjects. Also we will be mindful of the need to recap more fully at the beginning of maths and literacy units throughout the year so that all children are up to the necessary level to continue their learning.

Swimming

Currently there is no fixed date specified for when school swimming will return for Junior children. However, we don't anticipate this being before half term at the earliest.

Music

We are currently planning for Wider Opportunities music to return for our Juniors but we are still working through the logistics with the music partnership. Musical Gems will not return for the Infants until later in the school year.

Collective Worship

We don't want to fit the whole school into one classroom for our collective worship as had previously been the case. Therefore we will look to utilise the church every Tuesday and Friday to

conduct whole school collective worship. Classes will be seated apart and parents will not be able to attend until further notice. We may invite our regular collective worship guests although they will be fully aware of our risk assessments and will maintain 2m distance from the children.

Until we get the green light to use the church, our collective worship will be either delivered outside, using zoom, or by class teachers to an individual class.

PE

We plan to use Qualitas coaches in the Autumn term on a Friday afternoon as usual. They will be aware of our risk assessments and will maintain 2m distance from the children. Children should come to school in their PE kits that day to avoid the need for changing in school.

Social Distancing

Government guidance to schools acknowledges that primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart from each other and staff. We will arrange children within classes to be seated side by side, not face on, and we will be constantly reminding children to avoid physical contact with others where practical.

Beginning and end of day

We need to ensure social distancing is possible between families at either end of the school day. Following our experience of staggered start and end times in the past term we are amending our procedures.

All children can arrive at school at any time between 8.40 and 9.00 am. Children should be dropped off at the school gates where a member of staff will supervise their entry into school. Parents will not be expected to enter the school building. If you come by car and wish to drop your child off at the gates then this is fine but please do so quickly and drive 'down' the hill so as to avoid traffic jams.

At the end of the day, parents are free to collect their child at any time between 3pm and 3.20 pm. When you arrive to collect your child please wait on the playground and maintain a 2m distance from other parents. We will release your child to you when we see you on the playground but then please leave promptly and don't let them run around in the school playground. Please also come onto the school playground to wait in order to avoid a build up of people at the school gate or on the pavement and also to ensure your child's safety near the road.

We will only use the front gates, not the side gate due the narrow walkways around the side of school

Morning Clubs

We are reinstating morning clubs from September at 8 am every morning. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be with Qualitas coaches in the village hall. Tuesday will be Film Club and Thursday will be Construction Club. Clubs can be paid for on Parentpay – £20 per club per term or £2 per club when paid for separately. We will use the same health measures as at other times in the school day.

After School Clubs

We are currently working with Twilight Hours with regards to transporting children to their after school club and will let you know arrangements in due course. Please book your child in with Twilight Hours in the same way as normal.

Health and Safety Measures

We will ensure all children wash their hands or use hand sanitiser when they leave or enter the school building including before and after break times. All children will wash their hands after they have been to the toilet or before eating.

The school will be cleaned at the end of each day with special attention given to all touchpoints around school including the school gates.

It has not been recommended that children or staff wear facemasks although staff will do so if we suspect that a child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19.

Children will be reminded of the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' message. Tissues will be available for children and lidded bins will be placed in each classroom for the disposal of tissues. Bins will be emptied daily.

Children will also have a set of stationery allocated to them which cannot be shared with other children. If children wish to bring in their own pencil case it should remain in school and should be for their use only.

Water bottles must be clearly marked with your child's name and taken home each day to clean.

Only two children will be permitted in each toilet area at a time.

Classroom doors will be left open when possible so that children do not need to touch door handles. Windows will be open in classrooms to allow adequate ventilation throughout the classroom.

We will rigorously enforce all behaviour rules related to health and safety.

First Aid

Staff will continue to administer first aid when necessary but will wear PPE if they need to get physically close to a child.

Our lavender room will be used as an isolation room for any child that starts displaying symptoms of Covid 19. All unwipeable items within this room will be removed and it will be cleaned thoroughly after each use.

In the event that a child or staff member displays symptoms of covid 19 then they will be sent home immediately and asked to book a test. In the event of the test being positive we will consult with Public Health England before issuing guidance to all parents.

Dinners

Children will be able have their dinners in the same way as normal but they will eat them in their own classrooms supervised by a midday supervisor.

Playtimes

Playtimes will be staggered so that classes will remain separate. Juniors will use the front playground and infants will use the back playground.

School Office

Mrs Manning will return to the school office but parents should not just 'drop in'. If you need to talk to Mrs Manning then please call the school and, if necessary, arrange a suitable time to come in.

School Uniform

We would expect children to wear school uniform as normal but we advise you to wash clothes daily after being at school. For young children, please ensure that they are wearing clothes that do not need any adult intervention – this could include elasticated waistbands on trousers if children can't do buttons up having been to the toilet, or Velcro shoes instead of laces. PE kits can be kept at home and be worn into school on Fridays. Please ensure your child will be warm enough in colder weather by making sure that they wear jogging bottoms, jumper and coat.

Visits to School

External visitors into school will be minimised but if they are necessary they will be made aware of our risk assessments and will be asked to maintain their distance to staff and pupils. Parents should make an appointment if they wish to speak to a member of staff about an issue affecting their child. Depending on the nature of the meeting, it may be suitable to conduct the meeting online or by phone.

External Music

We are working with our visiting instrument tutors to plan the best way to provide lessons. We will contact the families this affects. Please let us know if your child would like to learn an instrument.

Home Learning in the Event of a Future Lockdown

Whilst we hope there will be no need for future lockdowns we need to prepare for that possibility. We will therefore continue to maintain Class Dojo accounts and will provide resources and activities through that platform should we need to. Parental surveys show satisfaction with how we have delivered homeschooling resources during the lockdown and so we will resume in the same way if necessary, taking account of the suggestions you have made.

Nobody with Coronavirus symptoms, or who has a household member with coronavirus symptoms, should be attending school.

These plans are subject to change, depending on how the practicalities of implementing them work out.