



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2020

'A collective drive to raise standards and create a school of **excellence** where children are **safe** and want to **learn**.'

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to South Camberley and a warm welcome to all new families that have joined us and to our new staff. I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new term ahead. As you know we have a new way of working which is always under review. We have completed a comprehensive risk assessment ([summary on our website](#)) where we have had to make adjustments to our school day. Please bear with us as we may need to make minor changes to ensure the smooth, safe and efficient running of the school.

We are pleased to welcome our full staff team back and we spent our first Inset Day focusing on our priorities and planning ahead. We continue to focus on basic skills in reading, writing and maths and have plans in place to accelerate learning where gaps may have occurred. We are aware that many children have not been in school since March and may have some anxiety around coming to school. As a result, we are able to offer an increased focus on outdoor learning and PSCHE (personal, social citizenship health education). This will develop skills surrounding team building and resilience which will include using our outdoor areas. We are also training a number of staff in 'forest schools' which will be on offer to the children as we go through the year. To enable this to occur, we will be delaying the teaching of French for children in KS2 until next term. We would like to thank Mademoiselle Smyth for her valuable contribution to French over the last difficult year. She has left to pursue new adventures. We wish Mo Bon Courage et Bon Chance!

Teachers have been spending the first few days working through our school routines with the children, sharing our PURE principles (Positivity, Urgency, Resilience and Equity) and our behaviour certainties (Ready, Respectful, Safe) as well as discussing strategies for children if they are worried about anything.

We will not be running family assemblies, clubs or parents' evenings in the usual way this term. However, we will be making best use of technology to share our learning. Please continue to follow us on Twitter and we will be adding videos to our learning resources pages on our school website.

We will be holding parent telephone consultations to discuss your child's settling in and progress for 10 minutes per appointment as we get closer towards half term; booking system and details to follow.



Yours sincerely, **Nicky Wright, Executive Head Teacher**



South Camberley will be supporting Jeans for Genes on Friday 18th September when children may wear jeans/mufti to school and bring in £1 to raise money for the 500,00 children in the UK with genetic disorders.

BABY NEWS!



We're sure you'll join us in sending our congratulations to Mrs Brady and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Phoebe Grace Kathleen on 20th August .

WELCOME!

Sara Robertson is our new Admin Assistant at the Junior site. She is located on the front reception desk and will be happy to help with any queries you may have.



Uniform

Please continue to send your child in school uniform. If it is a PE day, your child should come into school wearing their PE clothes and trainers and remove any jewellery. This means children do not need to change, which ensures the maximum time for learning.

Please do not send your child to school with PE bags or large rucksacks.

Handwashing

Children will be washing their hands and using sanitiser stations throughout the school day. You are welcome to provide your child with their own, named hand sanitiser if required.



Change of Details

If you have changed your address, phone numbers or emails over the summer then please advise the office to ensure we have the correct and current details. We send most of our school communication via email or text so it is vital you let us know of any changes.

Finally, If your child has new dietary or medical needs please ensure the school is aware.

Drop Off and Pick Up

As a large school over 3 sites drop off and pick up with social distancing does present as a challenge, so thank you for bearing with us as we need to make some adjustments along the way.

- Parents are asked to have just one adult picking up and dropping off for children who live together and once you have done so, please leave the site promptly.
- Children in Year 5 / 6 are able to go home alone providing we have permission.
- Siblings start and leave at the same time (on the same site).
- If siblings are on different sites and on different times, please drop off at the site which has the earliest start time and pick up at the latest pick up time. Please inform the school office if you have any difficulties with this.
- Children can go straight into class from their allocated start time.

School Meals

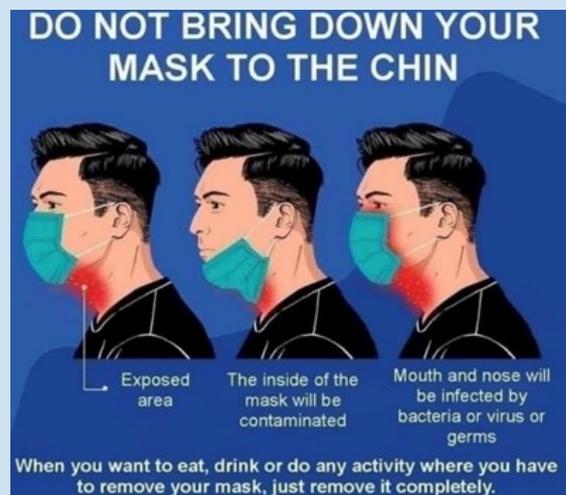
Please see the newsletter from Twelve 15, our school caterer, using the following link:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/A9wbXZPKPLNX3/>

Face Masks

We appreciate this is an evolving situation but at the time of writing, we are following the government guidance which states children are not required to wear face masks in a primary school so we will not be allowing children to do so. Face coverings can inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. If not used correctly children would be particularly susceptible to this spread. If children do wish to wear a face mask on their journey to school, on arrival they must immediately wash their hands, dispose of temporary face coverings in the bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag and take home with them at the end of the day. (Please provide a plastic bag if required). Alternatively, they can leave face masks with their parent at drop off time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>



Communication Procedure at South Camberley

A reminder of our communication procedure:

If you have a query relating to your child's class, in the first instance please speak to the class teacher. If, after this, you require further assistance, please speak to the Phase Leader:

Nursery & Reception	Miss Maisie Steer
Years 1 / 2	Mrs Natalie Robinson
Years 3 / 4	Mrs Zoe Grigg
Years 5 / 6	Mr Sam Fanzo

Special Educational Needs Mr Jonny Franks

The full communication procedure can be viewed on our website using the following link:

<https://www.southcamberley.surrey.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1110&type=pdf>

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Head of Juniors: Mrs Julie Brady **Head of Infants:** Mrs Maxine Kurzberg