

# The Southwater Infant Academy



## Information for Parents Autumn 2020

### Welcome!

Welcome to all our families, both current and new. For all of us, the return to school in September will look a little different! To help you plan and prepare for this, we have included all the information we hope you will need here.

Please take time to read through this booklet and talk to your child about what to expect on their return. Although many things will have changed, what won't be is the commitment from all our staff to put your child's wellbeing first.

We always strive to nurture and develop every child, and this will not change going forwards. If you have any questions or concerns after reading this information, [please do get in touch](#).

### Drop off and Pick up times

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Ruby and Cherry	8.30am	2.55pm
Ladybird and Poppy	8.40am	3.05pm
Lemon and Amber	8.50am	3.15pm
Saffron and Caterpillar	9.00am	3.25pm
Willow and Clover	9.10am	3.35pm
Lime	9.20am	3.45pm

***Please note that the times above for Reception Classes apply from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September when the children start attending full time.***

All academy children must be dropped off and picked up from the main academy gate. We ask that parents please do not come on site unless they have an appointment. Due to the number of children being dropped off and picked up, we would request that, wherever possible, you walk your child to school. Lintot Square can be used to park and stride if you are coming from outside the village.

We ask that parents leave as soon as they have dropped or picked up their child at the academy gate, and do not wait around as there is not sufficient space to allow for this especially when cars are trying to park. We would also please ask that parents observe all current social distancing guidance when dropping off and picking up.

We have tried to arrange as small a wait as possible for those families with siblings. We understand that in this instance it may be necessary for parents to wait for their next drop off or pick up slot. In this case, please avoid waiting on the pavement directly outside the academy gate as this blocks the entry for other children.

### **Uniform**

School uniform should be worn at all times, and we suggest that this is washed or changed regularly where possible. On days where your child is doing PE we will ask them to come to the academy dressed in their PE kit, and they will stay in this all day. Please do not bring PE bags to school. Your child's class teacher will contact you to inform you of the PE days for your child in September. We ask that children with pierced ears please have their earrings removed before coming to the academy on a PE day, as earrings can get caught on PE equipment and cause serious harm. If you are unable to remove your child's earrings, please ensure that you have put medical tape over them before sending your child to school, and that your child knows not to remove this. Unfortunately, teachers cannot put tape over earrings for children under the current guidance.

### **What to bring**

A named water bottle (no juice or squash please) a raincoat and a sun hat are all very important. If your child is bringing their own lunch, a lunch box that is easily washable is helpful. No rucksacks or big bags should be brought to the academy, as we cannot have these in the cloakroom.

A bookbag, or similar sized bag, that will fit in your child's tray should be sent in instead, and this will be used to send home books and letters.

We ask that children please do not bring toys, teddies, comforters or other such items from home due to the risk of infection that these bring. If your child brings a toy with them on their journey to school, we will ask you to please take it home with you when you drop it off. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Illness**

If your child is ill, please call the academy office between 8.30am and 9.30am to let us know.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should be kept at home for 48 hours from the last episode.

You must not bring your child to the academy if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19:

- a fever
- a continuous cough
- a loss or change in sense of taste or smell

If your child has one or more of these symptoms, they should be kept at home and isolated for 7 days from the start of the symptoms. Please call us to let us know. We would recommend arranging a test for your child through the NHS. Tests are quick and straightforward, and if your child tests negative, and they are well enough, they can return to the academy the next day. If you choose not to have a test your child must remain at home for at least 7 days, or until they are better.

If your child develops symptoms while at the academy we will call you immediately and ask you, or a nominated adult to come and collect them. It is important that your contact details are correct, and that there is someone who can collect your child within 30 minutes.

Please let the academy [office](#) know if you need to update or change any contact details. Again, we would recommend getting your child tested in these circumstances.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 please let the academy know as soon as possible. If we receive notification of a positive test at the academy, we will follow the advice of Public Health England regarding follow up action and who should isolate.

### **Medication**

If your child has medication, such as an asthma inhaler, that will be kept at the infant academy, could we please ask that you download and fill in the medication form [here](#) and bring this with you, along with your child's medication in the original box with the pharmacy sticker on, when your child starts in September.

### **First Aid and Safeguarding**

Throughout the lockdown period we have ensured that a Safeguarding Lead and relevant First Aiders have been on site at the academy. This will remain the same from September to ensure the safety of all the children. First aid will be administered by academy staff, with more serious incidents dealt with in the academy office.

### **Lunches**

[The Easy Lunch Company](#) will be providing hot lunches as they have done previously for all children who wish to have one.

Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms to minimise the risk of children mixing across bubbles.

### **Playtimes**

Morning and lunch playtimes will be staggered to ensure that groups of children on the playground remain small, and that the bubble groups avoid mixing as much as possible.

### **After school clubs**

At the moment we are not holding any after school clubs for the children, and anticipate that this will remain the case throughout the Autumn term when we will review the situation.

### **Learning**

Children will be learning in their class bubbles throughout the day, with their class teacher(s) and TA. Academy staff will be supporting children with their learning exactly as they have always done, and children will be encouraged to develop confidence and independence in learning. We will be ensuring that the learning meets the needs of all children, and takes into account the experiences that children have had during lockdown. While we will be focussing on the important core skills, we will also ensure that the curriculum learning is broad and balanced and allows children to be immersed in rich and creative learning experiences.

### **How to get in touch**

Telephone the office **01403 733254** between 8.30am and 4.30pm or email [office@southwaterinfants.co.uk](mailto:office@southwaterinfants.co.uk) at any time. Key information can also be found on our website <https://www.southwaterinfantacademy.co.uk>.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!