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Dear Families,

We are so excited to see you all on Monday and we hope you have had some family time together even though we know it would have looked very different.

This is just a little note to remind you and prepare you for school preparations for Monday.

Please remember school drop off times have returned to 8:45am till 9:00am. You can drop off within these times. At 9:00am the classroom doors and gates will close and your child will then have to go through the office and be marked as late.

Pick up time returns to 3:10pm and you can collect your child from outside their classroom doors.

As per the booklet sent in the summer we now have an entry and exit gate. The yellow double gates are the entrance and you will always leave via the grey gates (old black gates).

The DFE guidance has stated we can now stop the staggered day. Therefore, we are not planning to continue with the staggered start and end of school day. All children will start and finish at the same time each day from September.

Children can be dropped at school between 8:45am and 9:00am
Children should be collected at 3:10pm



We will be continuing to use the one-way system in the mornings. To drop your child/ren into school please use the yellow gate and you will be asked to keep moving across the playground and out of the grey gate on a one way system. As you walk through your child/ren can walk from this line into their classrooms on their own. **Year R will walk through the yellow gates up the drive, Year 2 will enter the green double doors, Year 1 will go into their classrooms.** We ask that you keep moving and do not congregate on the playground and exit via the black gates promptly. This system of the quick drop off has been working really well and has enabled a smoother and quicker start to the day. The children are much more settled going into school much quicker and we have seen such a positive impact on them.

You will **not** be able to speak to your child's class teacher in the mornings. This time is so they can focus on your child and greet them. If you need to give a message to your child's class teacher about pick up please write a note or email in your message/query. Please email:

office@shirleyschools.co.uk



Pick up will now be:

You will come onto the playgrounds using the yellow gate and wait for your child/ren to come out of their doors for collection. We would strongly advise you try to socially distance from each other still. Please respect the 2 meter distance with the staff if you need to speak to them at the end of the school day. Please then leave via the double black gates.

As per the government current guidance it is being advised you wear a mask in crowded areas or where you could be mixing outside of your normal bubble. We would therefore advise masks for pick ups but this is down to personal choice.

What shall I wear to school?

Here is a reminder of the school uniform:

This is a white polo shirt, grey shorts or trousers or grey skirt, skort or dress. We only ask that the children have a school sweatshirt or cardigans with the school logo. These can be purchased from Skoolkit in Totton or from Tesco by ordering on-line at <https://www.tesco.com/direct/shirley-infant-school/8414.school?source=others>. Children are also allowed to wear green gingham summer dresses, playsuits or skorts.

We have said that children are to return to school shoes in September. However, we have reflected on the positives of COVID 19 and remind you that we have changed the policy to include fully black trainers. We will **not accept** black trainers with patterns or coloured logos. It is personal choice to each parent if you have school shoes or black trainers.



PE

We will be returning to PE. Please provide your child with a PE kit which will be left in school. Your child will need a pair of black shorts and basic t-shirt with not accessories. They will need a pair of plimsols or trainers for PE too,

Lunchtime

Lunchtimes will return to the school hall for hot meals. Sandwiches will continue to be eaten in the classrooms. We will stagger the hall times slightly so that there is only one year group in the hall at any one time.

Snack time

The government fruit and vegetable scheme is continuing we will provide your child with a snack.

Please remember we are a NUTFREE school.



What is needed for my child on my first day:

Children will be asked to bring in their books bags or **small** bag only. They will need to bring their PE bags with them on their first day and these will stay in school. Children will need to bring their water bottles each day and these should only have water in them. Children can have a juice carton in their lunchboxes.

The road closure outside the Infant school:

Wilton Road is still closed from 8:30am to 9:20am and 2:45pm to 3:20pm. This is now closed by members of the community. It is not maned by the school. This means at times there may not be the barriers out each day. You will need to remain extra vigilant around the roads and remind the children of their road safety. If you are able to help with the road duties please email sarah.horsfall@shirleyschools.co.uk. We are very grateful to those parents who have signed up already.

So the main things to remember are:

- Bring your child to school between 8:45am and 9:00am
- Use the one way system each morning to ensure a smooth quick drop off
- Pick up your child at 3:10pm outside your child's class doors on their playground
- Wear school uniform
- Wear plain black trainers or school shoes
- Bring a water bottle—named everyday
- Bring your book bag or **small** bag and PE kit
- Check the weekly communication after 3:00pm each Friday for updates



Working Together

We know these times continue to bring challenges to our daily lives and that everything causes more thinking through and planning. We do truly know how hard this is as we are in this with you too.

We are still always willing to speak to you if you have any issues, concerns or questions. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher or any other member of staff at any time, please make an appointment by emailing or calling the School Office. We will get in touch with you via a phone call or email.

We are all looking forward to working through this together in our family community. We cannot wait to have you all back!

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