

Shirley Infant School

Return to school



Information and changes for March 2021

Y2	08:45am
Y1	09:00am
YR	09:10am

What will the start of the school day look like?

Each year group will arrive on foot, at a different time (see box). We have adjusted the staggered start time for Year R by 5 minutes.

We are still unable to store bikes and scooters at this time so these cannot be left on site.

You will line up down Wilton Road, down towards Winchester Road. The children will come in through the main gate, Year 2 will go through the double doors, Year 1 will go through their external classroom doors and Year R will walk round to their external classroom doors as before. They will wash their hands on entry to school. The government no longer advises us to check the children's temperature every day at school.

Please stick to your times to avoid congestion and to allow for social distancing measures to be safely in place. You **must** stand 2m from other families in the queue at all times and you **must** wear a face covering unless you are exempt.

Smallprint:

If you are bringing children in different year groups, you may bring them all at the arrival time for the earliest year group. Junior children may enter through the office still if you are dropping at the Infant school also.

Wilton Road will be closed during drop off and pick up times, between the junctions of Winchester Road and Bellemoor Road, so please do not attempt to enter Wilton Rd from Winchester Road. We are committed to the safety of our children on our roads and around the school. Please continue to support us in this by walking to school each day.

Y2	2:45pm
Y1	3:00pm
YR	3:10pm

What will the end of the school day look like?

Each year group will leave at a different time (see box). For collection of your child/ren you will repeat the queueing system at the allocated times. A member of staff will open the yellow gate and you will be asked to walk across the playground on a train. As you walk your child will be sent to you. Please do not approach the staff. We ask that you keep moving and exit the playground via the black gates. Please then cross the road to walk home on the opposite side of the pavement. If you need to talk to your child's class teacher please email in your question/query and they will get back to you.

Smallprint: *if you are collecting children in different year groups, please arrive at the time for whichever year group comes out first, and then wait away from the school entrance, ensuring social distancing, until it is time to collect the remaining child/children. We cannot send children out early.*

What will lunchtimes look like?

A hot lunch will be provided, please see the menu on the website (Parents section on the website). Children will have the option to bring a packed lunch from home or order the hot dinner or jacket potato option from Chartwells. The children will wash their hands then eat their lunch in their classrooms. The lunch break has needed to be shortened to allow for staggered start and end times, we will be continuing our Daily Physical Activity lessons within the lunch time hour to cover the learning time and ensure the children still have plenty of opportunity to be active.

How will we keep safe?

Class bubbles will remain in place. Ventilation will continue to be key. Hygiene is **very** important. Children will need to continue good hand hygiene. They will be required to hand gel their hands on their way into and out of school. They will also be required to gel and wash their hands at several points throughout the day, particularly before and after eating. The children will use the Happy birthday song to check they are washing their hands correctly. Children will be sitting at their own table, facing forwards. Children will have their own basket of key resources. Children will keep their belongings on their chairs or under their tables. Children will have an allocated toilet to each class bubble to minimise cross infection. Staff attend the toilet with the children and they are cleaned after each use. All toys and equipment that are shared will be cleaned after each use and safely used again. The one way system will remain in school. There will be minimal movement around the school. Any shared rooms will be cleaned down in between classes. Some adults may be wearing face masks, gloves or coverings where required.

What will happen if your child is ill?

Before school: please do not bring your child to school if they have a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell. They will need to be cared for at home until they have been tested.

Whilst at school: If you come down with a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell whilst at school, you will be looked after away from your bubble until your adult can come and collect you.

What shall I wear to school?

The government guidance states that children should be back in school uniform. This is a white or yellow polo shirt, grey shorts or trousers or grey skirt or dress. We ask that the children wear school sweatshirts 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>. We do understand that the children will have grown out of uniform and it is challenging with current restrictions in place to replace and replenish this. We will be doing lots of

physical activities however we are not able to change the children. Therefore we will allow children to continue to wear trainers into school should they wish to. You may wish to put children who wear dresses or skirts in cycling shorts underneath. Please DO NOT Send your child in with a PE kit.

Ventilation will still be key in ensuring control measures are in place. While we await the warmer weather we are happy for the children to wear extra layers as before to keep warm.

What can you bring to school?

Children are to bring as little as possible with them to school in order to reduce the risk of transmission. The children **may** bring a small bag to school to carry all their belongings should they wish to. Essentials include: lunch Boxes, water bottles, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Will learning time be lost if the school day is staggered?

You will not lose any learning time due to us staggering the drop off and pick up at the end of the school day. We will be adjusting break times and lunchtimes to ensure the children have a full day at school. This is in line with the guidance from the Government in July 2020.

Will there be after school clubs and breakfast club available?

Choice Childcare will continue to run their Breakfast club. Kids play will continue to operate as they have been. Infant school after school clubs will not be opening currently, we will continue to review this in light of Government guidance.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID19 in the school?

See next page.

Will there be whole school celebrations?

We will not be able to have whole school or class celebrations for the time being as we are not allowed to gather as a large group or invite parents into the school. This also includes singing and assemblies. We will continue to come up with new ways to continue these celebrations virtually, where possible, until times allow for us to come back together.

Home Learning at Shirley Infant School



Google Classroom can be accessed on a computer or laptop, or as an app on Android or Apple tablet devices (not currently on Windows tablets). It can also be accessed via the browser on an Xbox or PlayStation. While accessible via the app on a mobile phone, it would not be easy to use many of the features on such a small screen size.

How much interaction and face to face teaching will be provided if individuals or classes/year groups revert to learning from home?

Pupils will continue to access learning on their Google classroom account with work set by the child's class teacher.

If your child or a member of the family is awaiting a test:

- You will access the lessons from Hamwic Education Trust:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/uc-wlgwxq7mw2ngynkatjgtq>
- Your child will also be set a project on Google Classroom

If you are self-isolating for a 10 day period:

- Your child's class teacher will set the work each via Google Classroom
- A timetable will be posted on your child's Google Classroom for you to follow
- This will follow the curriculum being taught in school
- This will be the same expectations to amount and quality as we have now - 3 hours a day on average
- Work will continue to be submitted and feedback received via Google Classroom daily
- Recorded teaching will still be available (e.g. Oak National Academy lessons, video/audio recordings made by teachers)
- The extra provision we have been able to deliver during Lockdown 3 will not continue as we will now longer have Remote learning leads due to full opening, such as the welcome meetings and live group sessions
- Any opportunities or offers of live sessions will be communicated on your child's Google Classroom. This will differ from class to class
- Paper packs will be provided where necessary
- You will be able to communicate with the teacher via Google Classroom and will receive a phone call in the second week to see how your child is getting on with the home learning

If a bubble closes due to close contact with a positive case:

- Your child's class teacher will teach via Google Classroom for the duration of the bubble closure
- Lessons will start the day after a bubble closes and a timetable will be posted on Google Classroom for you to follow
- Please also continue to access any lessons you did not cover at the start of Lockdown 3 from Hamwic Education Trust:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/uc-wlgwxq7mw2ngynkatjgtq>

Extra FAQs for Parents/Carers:

If my child is clinically extremely vulnerable, can I keep them at home?

Yes, if your child has a shielding letter, please contact the school if you feel your child fits into this category. The school will require medical evidence.

Will the school provide work for children if parents choose to keep their child off school?

No, parents have a legal obligation to send their child to school to receive education on site. Only children isolating because they are waiting for test results, or who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, have permission to stay at home and will be provided with learning.

How will the school record attendance?

Attendance will be mandatory from March 8th and all normal codes and sanctions will be reinstated.

Where a pupil cannot attend school due to illness, as normally would happen, the pupil should be recorded as absent in the attendance register and the school will authorise the absence.

Where a pupil is in self isolation, in accordance with latest advice from the department of health and social care and public health England, the pupil will be recorded as unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances in the attendance register.

Where a pupil's parent/guardian refuses to send them to school, this will be recorded as an unauthorized absence in the attendance register. Under the current guidance from the government, if this absence continues this could lead to a fixed penalty notice and even prosecution.

If there is a positive case in a bubble, would the whole bubble automatically have to isolate or would it only be close contacts?

The school would liaise with public health England, and currently only pupils who have been in close contact with this pupil will be required to self-isolate, your communication is key. We will discuss with the parent all possible close contacts from any social activities, break times, clubs and out of school time.

What will be the main communications tool for parents to teachers if the school closes/ if teacher is self-isolating etc?

Teachers will use M/Me and google classroom as the main way to communicate with the parents and pupils.

How is the school reducing the risk of transmission between bubbles?

The school already has put a robust risk assessment in place to reduce transmission between bubbles, such as staggered start of day, bubble zones for break and lunchtimes, separate toilets, one way system and limited use of communal spaces. We will be minimising crossing of staff across bubbles as much as operationally possible.

What will happen if I choose to keep my children at home - will you offer alternative provision for my child?

No, we will not be offering alternative provision. The current government guidelines are for every child to return on March 8th, and schools will be directed to impose fines for non-attendance. The parents are advised to contact the school individually if they have concerns.

Will there be any curriculum catch up provision in line with what the government suggested? If so, what will that look like?

We will continue to increase the capacity of our own teaching staff to provide small groups and one to one catch up sessions for identified pupils in school.

When will I receive a parent teacher evening phone call?

Parents evenings will take place the week beginning March 29th via phone call or a Google meet. More information will be communicated nearer the time.

What will the curriculum look like when children return?

The week beginning March 8th will be centred around settling the children back into school with a whole school transition project focussed around PSHE. We will also be prioritising Reading and Daily Physical Activity from the first week back. Thereafter, the curriculum will remain broad and ambitious. We are currently prioritising how we will address the gaps and modifying the current curriculum to ensure key objectives can be taught and secured. In EYFS, we will focus initially on the prime areas, communication, PSE and physical development. In KS1, we will focus initially on phonics, reading, writing, maths, vocabulary then as we move to the Summer term we will ensure all subjects have been covered by securing key objectives.