



# Old Sarum Primary School Newsletter



**Friday 29th May 2020**

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## **Phased Return to School**

The Prime Minister has confirmed that schools and nurseries across England remain on track to open to more children from 1 June, subject to the Government's five tests being met. At Old Sarum Primary School we are fortunate that we have plenty of room and a high adult to child ratio, so our staff have been working on a plan to have reception, year 1 and year 6 back in school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. (On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be cleaning and preparing classrooms.)

Children will be divided into smaller classes, called 'bubbles' in the media. Each 'bubble' will stay apart from the other 'bubbles' during the day. It will mean that children don't have playtimes like before. They will eat lunch in their bubble in the classroom. Their teacher and teaching assistant will be with them throughout the day. Cleaning and hand washing will also feature as a regular part of the timetable and social distancing will be encouraged by the staff. We have organised classrooms and corridors to ensure this.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1. Where will my child come into school?**

It is vital everyone comes in at the right time and through the right entrance. Have a look at the section for your child's group on the school's website or the letter emailed home on Thursday 28th May 2020.

### **2. What will happen if demand for places goes up? Will class sizes go above 15?**

No, but if demand goes up above 15 in each class, then the school will have to think again and consider restricting age groups to different days or times of the day.

### **3. Do children have to wear school uniform?**

Yes, but we appreciate some children are growing out of their uniform and will need to supplement it with home clothes. We will relax our uniform rules. What is important is that children change their clothes when they get home each day and these clothes are washed before use again.

### **4. What is happening about lunches?**

Children will eat packed lunches in their classrooms. Reception and Year 1 children are entitled to the universal free school meal. Children that receive vouchers for benefits entitled free school meals will continue to get the vouchers for families to make their own packed lunches for their child. We won't have hot lunches in the hall, as this will be too difficult to clean between every bubble.

### **5. What should I do if I arrive after my time slot?**

You will need to bring your child to the main entrance to the school and wait until a member of staff is available to take your child to their classroom.

**6. What will happen if a child has Covid symptoms at school?**

Staff will wear PPE to look after the child and isolate them from others until their parent arrives to take them home. The rest of the 'bubble' – both children and staff – will go home to follow government guidance.

**7. Has the behaviour policy changed because of social distancing?**

Yes, 'golden time' will take place in the 'bubble' classroom before lunch on Friday. If a child receives a detention they will move to sit in the corridor outside the head teacher's office and parents will be contacted to discuss their behaviour.

**8. Why is the school shut for reception, year 1 and year 6 on Friday afternoon?**

Teachers get half a day each week to plan, prepare and assess for the children in their classroom. We cannot send a relief teacher into the 'bubble.' So we need to give the teachers time on Friday to do this. Key worker children will be supervised in school by experienced teaching assistants on Friday afternoon to support key workers.

**9. Will my child get ELSA support like before?**

Yes, children will come out of class to a specially prepared room to get ELSA support. Children learning at home will continue to receive calls.

**10. What do I do if I have more than one child to pick-up?**

Please contact the school and we will organise the best time for you to pick-up all the children from the main entrance.

**11. How can I talk to my child's teacher in a 'bubble'?**

You will need to email or phone the school, as teachers cannot meet parents face-to-face at this time according to government guidance.

**12. My child is not coming back to school yet. Will they get home learning support?**

Yes, we have two teachers that will continue to up-date home learning. We cannot replicate what the children learn in class, but we can give an outline and resources to cover similar areas.

**Uniform Collection and Sale**

There will be a collection of used school uniform and then a sale of it a week later once all have been washed and labelled. Date for the first collection and sale are:

Used uniform collection: Saturday 1st August 10am

Used uniform sale: Saturday 8th August 10am

Location is still to be confirmed but collection will most likely be in the Old Sarum Community Centre car park.



## **Reminder**

School is open on Monday 1st June to children of key worker families and those identified by school; Years R, 1 and 6 are open on Tuesday 2nd June.

Children will not need to bring PE kit into school as of next week.

Please ensure your child brings a **named water bottle every day** (we cannot use the school water fountains ), a hat and suncream next week - it looks like it's going to be another hot one!

We have had to open two more 'bubble' classes today due to increasing numbers. Please be aware that our teaching staff are now committed to full time teaching and will no longer be able to make regular phone calls home. If you would like to speak to a member of staff then please email [admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oldsarum.wilts.sch.uk) with a day that suits and we will endeavour to call you then.

Home learning will continue to be available on the school website. We cannot replicate what the children learn in class, but we can give an outline and resources to cover similar areas.