



Sambourne CE  
Primary School  
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## Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

The school has now settled in to this 'new normal'. The children from Year R, 1 and 6, and our children of key workers have adapted to their new learning environments and routine and everything is very calm and purposeful.

We are sorry that we won't be able to welcome children from Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 back to school this term. The government confirmed this week what we had been thinking, that we don't have enough physical space to host all year groups in the smaller class 'bubbles' that are necessary to maintain social distancing.

We will continue to post home learning activities on the website and continue our level of communication - by telephone and email - to remain in contact with children who are not in school. We will also try and involve those children not in school in our celebration of learning at school and at home; Celebration assemblies will continue to appear on the website on Fridays.

This week we sent out information about starting school in September for our new Reception children. It's a real pleasure to turn some attention towards new children coming to Sambourne. We have a 'full house' of 21 children joining us!

Have a good weekend.

Take care,

*Mr Allen*



With the return to school of Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children, all our teachers are engaged teaching small groups of children, therefore we may not be able to put the same quantity of home learning onto the website as we have been doing. We hope that there is sufficient learning activities for those children still learning from home. The activities we have posted can be supplemented by using the BBC Bitesize and Oak Academy resources plus IXL, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

We still welcome photos of children learning at home; it's always heart-warming to see the effort and enterprise that is going on in your homes to continue your child's learning.

## IXL Champions

We're really pleased children are using IXL while at home. Each week we announce the children who have been on IXL the longest or who have answered the most questions. The winners for the past week are:

**Robin Class** – Danielle

**Blackbird Class** – Edward

**Swallow Class** – Alfie Q

**Sparrow Class** – Ollie

**Wren Class** – Evie

**Well done champions!**

## Spelling Shed

Well done to those of you who have been visiting Spelling Shed to improve your spelling skills.

Here's this week's leader board. A new champ this week – well done Harry G!

1.		Harry G	26,121,090	67,581,952
2.		Ryan F	22,280,082	51,625,194
3.		Paige B	16,015,606	131,878,768
4.		Ruby F	14,055,804	71,483,612
5.		Travis G	11,288,832	84,477,936
6.		Lexi C	10,836,840	114,660,282
7.		Oliver G	10,196,066	57,230,844

## Free School Meal Vouchers

We have applied for the Free School Meal Vouchers for those eligible however there is a slight delay in us receiving them. As soon as we have them, we will contact you and you will be able to collect them from the school.

## **Sex and Relationship Education Policy**

Relationship Education will be compulsory for primary school children from September 2020. We have written a new a Sex and Relationship Policy for the new school year.

The draft policy is available to read on the policy page of our website for 1 more week. If you have any questions or comments on the policy, please contact the school by email.

The Governing Body will review these comments and reply to them. The policy will be amended, as appropriate, and then ratified by the Governing Body and a final copy, published on the website.

## **Breakfast Club**

We are looking to re-open our Breakfast Club however, this is dependent on numbers. Information on times, cost and how to book are on our website. Mrs Johnstone will be supervising the club when it does re-open.

## **After School Club**

This term we are offering an after-school childcare provision, Monday to Thursday, from 3pm -5pm. This club will be supervised by Mrs Ringwood.

The cost of the childcare provision is £4.00 for 3pm - 4pm and £8.00 for 3pm - 5pm.

If we find that bookings are low we will not be able to run the club as it will be financially unviable.

If you require after school childcare provision, please book in advance and pay via ParentPay.

Unfortunately, if children are not booked in to the after school childcare provision in advance we will not be able to accept them on the day.

## **Coats and Jumpers**

It's even colder this week! As we have doors and windows open to allow air-flow, the school is a little chilly. Please could children have school jumpers at school so they are comfortable inside.

We are also having all our breaks and lunchtimes outside and this means, this week, we've been out in a slight drizzle so please could children have a coat at school or light rain-jacket.

## Coronavirus

We are continuing to follow the latest advice from Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The advice is that you should self-isolate at home for seven days if you have a recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
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If staff or pupils have these symptoms, then they should now take steps to stay at home and not leave their house for seven days from when their symptoms started. This will help protect others in the community while they are infectious. Anyone displaying symptoms should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

If your child is displaying the above symptoms and you decide they need to self-isolate please report their absence in the normal way (by telephoning school by 9am, on 01985 212458, on each day of your child's absence).

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation and concerned parents should visit the NHS coronavirus webpage in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please be reassured that as a school, we continue to follow all advice and guidelines from Public Health England, The World Health Organisation and The Department for Education

