

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'

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Newsletter 1

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Dear Parent,

Welcome to a new school year. We are excited to welcome our pupils back tomorrow.

We will be operating bubbles of class sizes. Children will remain in their bubble following government guidance and we will be ensuring that children have breaks and lunches in their own bubble. Staff in the bubble will remain consistent to support the children with learning and cover breaks and PPA time for teachers when required wherever possible.

Staggered Times for starting and finishing school

We are having to stagger the start and finish times to ensure that distance is maintained and that we can have a suitable flow of parents and children on site to keep everyone safe. Please could you ensure where possible that you stay to the arrival times provided and finishing times, thank you so much for your support with this as it will help greatly (unless you have more than one child in school, then where possible please could you use the start and finish times of your youngest child)..

One Way Systems

Due to the dynamics of the school site and three entrances it is difficult to offer a one way system and reduce traffic – so we have designated playgrounds and entrances to help with this for September and make it clearer. Please use the gate closest to these entrances.

Entrance and Exit Doors

Entrance and Exit Doors will continue to be used separately for each class and we have detailed the information below to support this information.

Lunches/Breaks

All children in EY/KS1 will have breaktimes (15mins) and lunches (45 mins). However, due to the number of children and size of the dining hall we are unable to have the children distanced sufficiently to be able to use the hall effectively. Therefore, for Autumn 1 especially we will have packed lunches in classrooms. Catering will continue to provide hot food for school. Children will be given choices of lunch during registration. If you are bringing packed lunches from home then please could you continue to place in disposable bags or plastic containers clearly labelled with your child's name. School dinner prices are going to be £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week from September for KS2 children. Healthy snacks can be brought to school in disposable bags and again clearly labelled with your child's name.

Water Bottles

Please could you continue to send your child with a clean, filled water bottle daily and again clearly labelled with your child's name.

Bags

If children could bring one small bag to school with their belongings in this will help please. PE days will be shared and children are asked to come in PE kit for the day on PE days.

Sanitiser and soap

Children will be asked to wash hands frequently on entry, exit, after lessons, before and after breaks and when ever necessary for hygiene. We have sanitiser in classrooms. Children do not need to bring their own, these are provided. Classroom surfaces and equipment will be cleaned regularly through the day.

Face Masks

Following government guidance children will not be required to wear face masks in school. Staff meeting and greeting may be wearing a face shield.

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Visitors to school

Unfortunately, we are unable for parents to enter the school building from the entrances to classrooms. If you need further information or support staff members will be at each entrance door daily.

You can access the main entrance office if you need further information. We are available at all times via e-mail admin@sowerbyacademy.org or headteacher@sowerbyacademy.org and phone.

Music Teachers

Music teachers will continue music sessions in school from September.

Government Guidance

All government guidance for COVID 19 is followed and managed in school at all times.

PPE equipment is available in school and used for first aid purposes. Staff may use this at certain times if required. At present we are using all other hygiene equipment.

Illness

If a child is ill then please contact school and keep your child at home, following normal school absence procedures for illness. If COVID 19 symptoms are displayed then please isolate for 14 days. If a child feels ill at school we will contact you for the child to be collected.

Safe Relating Distance

Please could you ensure that you are maintaining a safe relating distance from other adults and children while on school site at all times. Please also refrain from lingering to chat with other parents, as a smooth prompt drop off and collection is essential.

Information for parents – Specific to Year Groups

Reception – Mrs Gibson and Mrs Fawcett's class

Start Time: 8.50am

Finish Time: 3.10pm

Entrance/Exit Door: EY gate on KS1 playground

Break: Flexible EYFS Breaks through the day

Lunch: 11.45am eating – 12.10pm outside

Year 1 and Y2 – Mrs Moss, Mrs Henn and Mrs Crack's Classes

Start Time: 8.50am

Finish Time: 3.20pm

Entrance/Exit Door: Year 1 – Mrs Moss's Gate (opposite outside classes)

Year 1/2 Mrs Crack's – Kidzone door

Y2 Mrs Henn's class – KS1 main door

Break: 10.20-10.35 am

Lunch: 12.10pm eating and 12.30pm outside

Year 3 – Mrs King and Mrs Dougherty's Classes

Start Time: 8.40am

Finish Time: 3.10pm

Entrance/Exit Door: Mrs King – KS1 main door on KS1 playground

Mrs Dougherty – KS2 main door on KS2 playground

Break: 10.00-10.15 am KS1 playground

Lunch: 12.30pm eating and 12.15-12.30 and 12.45-1.00pm outside

Year 4 – Mrs Stringer and Mrs Rounthwaite's Class

Start Time: 8.40am

Finish Time: 3.10pm

Entrance/Exit Door: Outside classroom main door

Break: 10.00-10.15 am KS2 playground

Lunch: 12.30pm eating and 12.15-12.30 and 12.45-1.00pm outside

Year 5 – Miss Sanders and Mr Rowe's Classes

Start Time: 8.30am

Finish Time: 3.00pm

Entrance/Exit Door: KS1 playground (KS2 entrance)

Break: 10.00-10.15am

Lunch: 12.45 eating and 12.15-12.45 outside

Year 6 – Mrs Mount and Miss Merifield's Classes

Start Time: 8.30am

Finish Time: 3.00pm

Entrance/Exit Door: KS2 playground (KS2 entrance)

Break: 10.00-10.15am

Lunch: 12.45 eating and 12.15-12.45 outside

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Please contact school if you would like further information around any aspects. There will be staff on each entrance and exit door to guide you each day. Class Dojo will continue in September but with aspects of homework to consolidate learning in school, spellings and phonics.

Yours sincerely,



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