



**Working and learning
together for success**

16th July 2021

Dear Parents,

As the end of another unique, Covid challenged school year at Sarisbury draws to a close, may I on behalf of everyone associated with the school, thank you once again for the tremendous support we have received. I would like also to pay tribute to the energy, dedication and enthusiasm of the staff team at SJS who, have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children have received a wide range of rich and enjoyable learning opportunities. As we reflect as a school community on the highlights and hurdles we have encountered this year, I am always amazed at the flexibility and resourcefulness shown by the team at SJS and am very grateful to them all for ensuring that children always come first. I am also very grateful to you all, our parent community, for your continued support, encouragement and strength of partnership; it is this sense of team that makes Sarisbury a very special place to be.

Organisational arrangements for September 2021

Following my previous newsletter on the 28th June, I am now able to confirm organisational arrangements for September in what we hope will be life 'Beyond the Bubble!'

As a school, we will continue to follow a staggered start and end to the day. This has proved effective in reducing congestion outside the school site and will also ensure that we avoid the difficulty of 393 pupils and parents on the school playground at any one time.

The school day will start at 8:30am for Year 5 and Year 6 children and at 8:45am for Year 3 and Year 4. Parents who have children in both our Upper and Lower School should arrive at 8:30am and as the playground is supervised, the younger child will be able to wait until 8:45am when their day begins. At the end of the school day, Year 5 and Year 6 will leave at 3:15pm with Year 3 and Year 4 at 3:30pm. If children in our Upper School have a younger sibling, they can wait until 3:30pm and then leave with them.

We will continue to operate our one way system across the playground to ensure that access through the main gate flows freely.

With playground and field space limited, we will also continue our pattern of split break and lunchtimes. This will run as follows:

Morning break Year 3 & Year 4 at 10:20am to 10:40am
Year 5 & Year 6 at 10:45am to 11:05am

Lunch break Year 3 & Year 4 at 12:00 noon to 1:00pm
Year 5 & Year 6 at 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Morning break on a Friday will be grouped with Year 6 & Year 3 together at 10:20am to ensure children have time to spend with their buddies. Year 4 & Year 5 will share breaktime at 10:45am.

We will also retain our request for children to come to school dressed in the PE / Games kit on days when they have PE. We will ask that this is our specified uniform for PE and not leisure sports kit; thank you.

Children will need to bring their kit to change into when participating in outdoor club activities. Details of these will follow in the autumn term when we are planning a full return of our clubs programme.

One positive outcome of the school's work to develop remote and blended learning, has been our improved use of online platforms to maintain excellent levels of communication with the wider school community during periods of lockdown. The daily 'Azoombly' and zoom pupil progress reviews with parents have proved both efficient, convenient and more effective in strengthening partnerships between school and home. Feedback from parents also suggest that these are ideal opportunities to use the online platform.

To this end, we intend to further develop our use of online provision for progress reviews (parents' evenings), curriculum workshops and presentations throughout 2021 – 2022. Details of these events will follow at the start of the autumn term.

Year 5 Swimming for September 2021:

Year 5 classes will swim every week for a term giving at least 10 swimming sessions at Holly Hill Leisure Centre. Further details will follow in the new term but for Class 5PD, we are hopeful that the first swimming session will be Wednesday 15th September.

School Uniform:

School uniform is an important part of our school's ethos, culture and sense of community at Sarisbury. We want children to feel proud of themselves, the school and its environment – being proud of their uniform helps to communicate this aspiration across the school. We are committed to maintaining the highest of standards and as we prepare for the new school year, I would like to remind you of Sarisbury's uniform policy and include details below:

- *Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo*
- *White shirt, blouse or polo shirt with school logo*
- *Dark Grey or black trousers or skirt. Shorts or a red summer dress may also be worn*
- *Sensible school shoes, and not trainers or fashion boots, should be worn at all times*

Optional

- *Grey or red fleece with school logo*

PE Kit

From September whilst our revised timetable is in place, classes will have one session of PE each week. In line with our risk assessment, children will not bring in clothing from home to change into and so on PE days, we ask that children come to school in the PE / games kit. Details of your child's PE session will be provided in September. For PE / Games, your child will require:

- *Black shorts*
- *White t-shirt (with school logo where possible)*
- *Plimsolls*
- *Trainers (outdoor activities only)*

During the colder months, it is advisable for your child to wear either a black tracksuit or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt; a high quality tracksuit is available from M&S with the school's logo.

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than small stud earrings and watches, which should be removed for all PE and Games lessons.

Our uniform can be purchased from 'Marks & Spencer' and 'Skool Kit'; details are available from the admin team, or on the school's website.

As an ECO School holding the Green Flag Award, we are committed to reducing the amount of unclaimed uniform that is recycled or thrown away throughout the year – please help us in this by ensuring that **all children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name and class.**

Name labels are available from a company called **Stikins** who specialise in labels that need no sewing or ironing; I believe these are used by a number of parents already and come highly recommended. Please order these online at www.stikins.co.uk quoting the school number **17499**.

School Dinner Payments

We request that all parents with any accounts that are in debit to repay any outstanding balance by the end of term; we currently have a shortfall in payments of over **£450** which the school has to settle with Hampshire Caterers. In an effort to reduce this deficit, we would be grateful if you could settle your account as quickly as possible.

Free School Meals

We appreciate that this is a time of challenge and uncertainty for everyone and circumstances may have changed. If you think your child is, or may be, eligible for free school meals, then please follow the link below to check and register your details:

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants

In-Service Days for 2021 – 2022

Working with our Infants School colleagues, we have now set the in-service days for the new academic year; these are as follows:

Thursday 2nd September
Monday 1st November
Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 6th June 2022
Monday 11th July 2022

Curriculum activities:

The home learning page on our school's website will continue to provide a wide range of helpful and fun links over the summer should parents wish to explore them with their child. The subscription sites provided by the school: Mathletics, TTRS (times table rock stars), Twinkl, Bug Club and Readwriter all contain a great selection of games for children. The website is extensive and contains helpful information about the school, curriculum and day to day organisation; please do add this to your 'favourites'. The school's Year Group Google Drives will also remain open should parents wish to access the resources for home learning that have been uploaded over the past few months.

And finally...

To the parents and children of Year 6 who are moving on at the end of their four years at Sarisbury, thank you for your tremendous contribution and generosity during your association with the school. To the many families who have been part of Team Sarisbury for many years and are now closing the door on their children's primary journey, thank you for all you have given to our school community.

We all have very fond memories of the children's time at Sarisbury Junior and wish them every success and the very best of luck at their new schools. This past year has been a lovely opportunity to see the very best of our Year 6 and we know that they will move confidently to Year 7 and beyond; we all wish them well for the future.

On a personal note, thank you all again for your support during this academic year and in particular during the period of lockdown during the spring term. The support and feedback received from our parent community has lifted everyone's spirits during this school year and on behalf of the team at SJS, I wish you all a sunny and restful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on **Friday 3rd September** when we all look forward to life 'Beyond the Bubble!'.

With my very best wishes,

A. J. Stockton

Mr Andrew J. Stockton
Headteacher

Initial Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Tuesday 14th September

Thursday 16th September

Friday 17th September

Tuesday 22nd September

Friday 25th September

Friday 1st October

Tuesday 5th October

Wednesday 6th October

Thursday 7th October

Thursday 7th October

Wednesday 13th October

Thursday 14th October

Monday 18th October

Tuesday 12th October

Thursday 21st October

Monday 25th October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 2nd November

Thursday 11th November

Monday 15th November

Monday 15th November

Wednesday 17th November

Thursday 18th November

Monday 22nd November

Friday 3rd December

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 1 Begins

Year 3 Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)

Year 5 Swimming – Class 5SC (tbc)

Year 6 Harry Potter World

Year 6 Harry Potter Day

Year 6 Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)

Harvest Festival (on behalf of the Basics Bank in Fareham)

Year 5 to Fairthorne Manor (team building day)

Year 6 Stone Farm Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)

Year 3 to Sarisbury Green / Winchester

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Year 5 Avon Tyrrell Information Evening via Zoom (6:30pm)

Y3 & Y4 settling in Zoom meetings (4pm to 5:30pm)

Y5 & Y6 settling in Zoom meetings (4pm to 5:30pm)

Year 3 Scooter Training

Individual School Photographs

Open Evening for Year 2 Parents including Year 6 pupil led tours

Half Term Holiday

In-Service Day Closure

Autumn Term 2 Begins

Remembrance Service (10:45am)

Year 5 Pedal Power Training

Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 5:30pm – via Zoom

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Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 7:50pm – via Zoom

Year 5 Pedal Power Training

Year 3 Sandwich Making (DT project)

Year 4 Nativity @ St Paul's (tbc)

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Carol Services (tbc)

End of Term

Other dates regarding school trips during the autumn term will follow once confirmed.