

Wednesday 21st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Face Coverings

Thank you to those of you who have taken Sefton's advice on wearing a face covering. We are receiving further advice and guidance regularly as the rates of infection increase in the region. Please see below taken from My Sefton website:

<https://mysefton.co.uk/2020/09/18/new-coronavirus-measures-for-seftons-schools/>

From Friday 18 September adults visiting Sefton schools are required to wear face coverings when visiting or entering the school premises. Also, just one adult will be able to enter the premises for drop-off and pick-up.

Parents and carers dropping off or collecting their children are asked to arrive and leave promptly and not to congregate at the school gate or in the playground and school staff are being asked to wear face coverings when they come out onto the playground.

With numbers of COVID-19 cases rising across the region, and Merseyside having been identified by the Government as "area of concern", these extra measures are needed to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Although children and younger people are less likely to be affected seriously by COVID-19 or may even be asymptomatic, the Council's concern is that they could take the virus home to potentially vulnerable relatives for whom coronavirus could be very serious or even fatal.

Commenting on the measures, Sefton Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Safeguarding, Cllr John Joseph Kelly said: "It is important that our children get back to school and resume their education and I would like to thank all of our teachers, schools and education staff, parents and carers and the pupils themselves for working with us to achieve this as safely as possible.

"However, we know that since the Borough's schools have re-opened, we have seen a number of class and year bubbles as well as school staff being sent home to isolate owing to positive test results or people showing coronavirus symptoms.

"I am pleased at the way each of these schools has dealt with the circumstances by following Public Health England guidelines and liaising with the Council to manage the situation.

"I hope these extra measures will help reduce the virus spreading in our school community and prevent more pupils and staff being sent home but if they don't, we may have to contact schools about potential further measures.

For our school this means:

- Any visitor to the school now will be asked wear a face covering.
- Parents are asked to wear either a mask or visor during drop off and pick up.
- Only one parent/carer to drop off or pick up.
- Parents/carers to leave immediately after drop off or pick up.

Some children and parents may still have concerns, this but all measures are in place in order to provide a safe school environment. We review our risk assessment daily for anything that can be improved further. We will be keeping the website up to date and have uploaded more activities and information for you regarding keeping the children safe online

and also for emotional and mental well – being. Please see www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk website for activities for your children and yourselves.

Hopefully these changes will only be temporary and we would ask for your patience and understanding while these measures are in place.

Please see the Government guidance below for parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Translation of guidance for parents and carers on early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term

The DFE have translated their [guidance for parents and carers with children in nursery, school, or college in the autumn term](#).

The guidance is now available in the following languages:

- [Arabic](#)
- [Bengali](#)
- [Chinese – traditional](#)
- [Chinese – simplified](#)
- [French](#)
- [Gujarati](#)
- [Polish](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Punjabi](#)
- [Romany](#)
- [Somali](#)
- [Turkish](#)
- [Urdu](#)

School Spider App

We launched our School Spider communication platform for parents recently. Some parents are still having difficulty logging on. It is really important that you have this app. If you need any help please get in touch.

Flu Consent Forms

Please return the form that was sent home two weeks ago for the forthcoming flu vaccination programme which will take place at school. We need all forms to be returned back to school, parents have the choice to say yes or no – but all forms should be returned. If you need another form, please send an email to school and we can get another form sent home with your child. Thank you

New campaign to prevent spread of coronavirus indoors this winter

The 'Hands. Face. Space' public information campaign urges the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. There is Government advice and a short helpful video on the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-to-prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter

Homework: 2020/ 2021

It is more important than ever that we work together to ensure the children catch up on all the learning they have missed. We would ask your support in reading as much as possible with your child at home and also supporting them in completing their homework.

Weekly homework will be emailed to you each Friday. Most of the work will be online tasks using IXL, TT Rockstars or Purplemash and should be completed by Tuesday for checking. Your child's homework book will also be sent home on a Friday; this can be used to practise weekly spellings or written tasks may sometimes be expected. Please return this each Tuesday.

Weekly spellings will be sent home each Friday and will be tested on the following Thursday. Reading books can be changed on a Monday or Friday so please only bring book bags into school on these days.

Reading

We have created a student account for children to access reading materials at home, please go to www.myon.co.uk, start typing in the name of our school, select it from the list and use the following details to log in: Username: oswalds097student
Password: read

High School Applications

Details were sent to Year 6 parents of how to apply for a high school place for their child. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Reception Class Applications

Last week a letter was sent to Nursery parents of how to apply for a school place in Reception class for the academic year 2021/2022. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gall or the school office.

Apples on our trees at the front of school

We have 3 apple trees at the front of school. If you would like to have some apples (which are the baking variety) please call into the school office and then you can pick some off the trees. Please do not come and take them as these are in the car park which is busy. We would not want the apples to go to waste and they do taste beautiful when baked. Thank you.

SEND Parent and Carer survey

Following on from the SEND Parent and Carer survey that was carried out in November 2019, Sefton Council are keen to understand whether parents and carers are seeing an improvement in the help and support they are receiving from health, education social care and the SEN casework team in Sefton? The SEND Short Survey is live until 2nd October 2020.

The link below will take you to the survey.

<https://yourseftonyoursay.sefton.gov.uk/business-intelligence/send-short-survey-2020>

Below is a link to the feedback flyer on the 2019 survey.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/176dfe4f-ba2b-4b73-97ab-22e22d850e57>

The PDF version of the flyer is attached also to this newsletter.

Online Safety

Think U Know have new home activity packs to support parents during COVID-19 and the closure of schools. The packs contain simple 15 minute activities to do with your child to support their online safety. The link below provides access to download your pack.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

There are websites available to help parents keep their children safe online – please see:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/legendshome>

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk

Nursery Class Places

Do you have a young child aged 2 who will be due to start Nursery next year? We have places available for our Nursery class now for 15 hours and also 30 hour provision.

We are still accepting applications for Nursery places for the next academic year and all future years. If required, the application form can be sent to you electronically and once completed should be brought into school. We also need to see your child's birth certificate when you bring in the application. Please make sure you apply as soon as possible to get the sessions that you want as 30 hours provision and morning slots are usually in high demand. Forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/page/key-information/30511>

Christian Values

This week we are thinking about our value "Service." In the Bible serving God means serving others for he made us in his image. We think about the parable of the good Samaritan and what it means to help others regardless of where they come from, their religious belief or ethnic background. We are all human beings living together and work best when we help and support one another.

But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. Luke 10:33-34

The parable of the Good Samaritan shows we should serve those in need whoever they are. Such service is not offered to gain some advantage for ourselves. 'Going the extra mile' involves sacrifice, putting ourselves out for someone else's benefit.



A prayer for the new school year

Almighty God,
as we begin this new school year,
we ask for Your blessing on all who study and work
in our school.
May those who are new be helped by those who
are returning.
May we accept new challenges with eagerness,
new risks with courage,
and new insights with openness.
Above all, Lord, assist us, in all our learning,
to do our best
and to grow in understanding of Your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Miss E. Murtagh in blue ink.

Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher

Phased Return Groups – From 2nd September 2020

Year group	room	teacher	TA	Entry/Exit	Play area	Drop off	Pick up	Lunch time	toilets	Lunch staff
Nursery	Nursery	Mrs Gall	Mrs Jones	Browns Lane gate Nursery door Junior playground Mrs Jones on Gate One parent only	Nursery outdoor area	8.30am 12.15pm	11.30am 3.15pm	11.30am in class	Nursery (Numbered)	Mrs Slocombe Mrs T. Jones
R	Reception	Mrs Carr	Mrs Ponting Mrs Harris	Browns Lane Mini bus garage gate. Reception door infant playground One parent only	Reception outdoor area	8.40am	3.00pm	12.10pm – play 12.20-1.10am (in hall)	Reception (Numbered)	
Year 1	Class 1	Mrs Brunyee	Mrs Chiu (am) Miss Lavelle (pm)	Infant Gate Ronald Ross Avenue Year 1 door infant playground One parent only to bring children to class	KS1 playground 10.15am	9.00am	3.15pm	12.10-1.10pm (Dinner in the hall)	Reception (Numbered)	Mrs Rodriguez
Year 2	Class 2	Miss Greenwood	Mrs Jones 1:1 support – Mrs Cranney	Infant Gate Ronald Ross Avenue Year 1 door infant playground One parent only to bring children to class	KS1 playground 10.15am	8.50am	3.05pm	12.10pm – 1.10pm (In class)	Year 2 toilets (Boys/girls)	Mrs Lavelle
Year 3	Class 3	Miss Miller Mrs Lees (am only)	1:1 support – Miss Rodriguez Mrs Harwood (pm only)	Browns Lane Gate Mrs Less on gate – junior playground Children may enter on Ronald Ross main entrance but must leave via Browns Lane	KS2 playground 10.15am	8.45am	3.05pm	12.00pm-1.00pm	Junior toilets (Number 1)	Mr Fairclough
Year 4	Class 4	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Ready 1:1 support (Mrs Harwood)	Browns Lane Gate Ronald Ross main entrance but must leave via Browns Lane	KS2 playground 10.15am	8.55am	3.15pm	12.00pm-1.00pm	Junior toilets (Number 2)	Mrs Parker
Year 5	Class 5	Miss Carter	Mrs Cunningham	Main entrance Ronald Ross Av Usual door Junior playground	KS2 playground 10.00am	8.45am	3.00pm	11.45 – 12.45pm	Junior toilets (Number 3)	Mrs Swords
Year 6	Class 6	Mrs Hughes Miss Murtagh to support Maths	Mrs Booker	Main entrance Ronald Ross Av Usual door Junior playground	KS2 playground 10.00am	8.30am	3.00pm	12,00 – 1.00pm Dinners in class	Junior toilets (Number 4)	Mrs Clarke