



Dear Parents and Carers,

This guidance has been provided to help you understand what school will look like from 8th March for you and your child(ren). If you have any further questions that have not been addressed please feel free to contact the school on parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk

Kind regards

Mr Newbold

Returning to school on Monday 8th March - FAQs

Do I have to send my child to school in March?

Yes. Government guidance states, 'Schools should be clear with parents that pupils of compulsory school age must be in school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory. There is the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.'

What support will my child get if they are feeling anxious about returning?

All children will be supported on their return by the adults within their class bubble and their individual needs taken into account. Should any specific individual needs be identified by the school, these will be managed through the school's pastoral support.

What time do I drop my child off to school?

There will be a 10-minute gap between drop off times to allow for effective social distancing of adults and children.

If your child is in years 3 or 5, school will start at **8:35am – 8:45am**.

If your child is in years 4 or 6, school will start at **8:45am**.

What time do I pick my child up from school?

There will be a 10-minute gap between collection times to allow for effective social distancing of adults and children.

If your child is in years 3 or 5, your child will be collected at **3:15pm – 3:25pm**.

If your child is in years 4 or 6, your child will be collected at **3:25pm**.

Where does my child enter and exit the school?

If your child is in **years 3 or 4** (lower school), they will use the gate at the top of the school drive and make their way down the path running alongside the staff car park where they will be met by a member of staff on the playground. Parents / carers may drop their children in the small playground and then exit on to Poveys Close, using the new gate. This will also apply to pick up at the end of the school day.

If your child is in **years 5 or 6** (upper school), they will use the path on the left of the building, through the main gate leading to the big playground, where they will be met by staff. Parents / carers may drop / collect their child from the triangle area but are not permitted through the main gates onto the playground and then exit through the alternative gate at the top of the drive. This will also apply to pick up at the end of the school day.

If you have a child in more than one year group who are leaving at different times, you will be asked to vacate the school grounds and re-enter or wait outside the school perimeter.

All adults entering the school grounds must wear a face covering unless you are exempt, and we ask that only one adult per family comes onto the school site.

Can I come in to the school building?

Not without making a prearranged appointment with a staff member and only in exceptional circumstances. This can be done through the office or a specific class teacher using email. The government guidance states, '...gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.'

Will there be an opportunity to meet my child's class teacher next term?

Spring term parent consultations have been postponed until the Summer term to give teachers sufficient time to properly assess children. Parents will receive a short written report which will then be followed by remote parent consultations. The date will be confirmed next term.

How do I communicate with teachers or office staff?

Class teachers are available to respond to emails. The email address for each teacher is classname@southwayjunior.co.uk e.g. rowling@southwayjunior.co.uk – please feel free to contact them with any queries you may have. You will receive a response within 48 hours. If the class teacher feels your enquiry needs to be passed on to Mr Newbold or Mrs Denison, they will do so. Parentline is always available for general enquiries at parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk

How do I communicate with the Inclusion Manager to discuss anything relevant to SEND or Pupil Premium?

Please contact Mrs Denison at sen@southwayjunior.co.uk

What safety measures – including personal hygiene and school cleaning procedures – are there in place in school?

The school's risk assessment is available on the school website under the COVID-19 tab.

What should I do about asthma inhalers / regular medication?

If your child normally has asthma inhalers in school or regular medication, please ensure; that if this was taken home; it is brought to school on Monday 8th March and handed to a member of staff. Please note that we are required to hold 2 asthma inhalers in school for your child. Children should not have asthma inhalers / medication in their own bags whilst in school.

What happens if my child is ill?

Your child should not come into school if:

- they display one or more of the coronavirus symptoms;
- or a member of their household (including someone in their support or childcare bubble) has coronavirus symptoms;
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area;
- they or a member of their household (including someone in their support or childcare bubble) have had a positive test result

Government guidance states that anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

We will ask parents/carers to inform us immediately of the results of a test:

- 'If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.'
- 'If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for the next full 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day the symptoms started or if no symptoms from the day the test was taken. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 10 days.'

If your child is unwell, please follow the usual school protocols and report your child's absence accordingly by calling 01444 233824 or email parentline@southwayjunior.co.uk.

What happens if my child develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at school?

Government guidance states: *if anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'; which sets out that they must self-isolate for 10 full days from the onset of the symptoms and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings; who will also be sent home) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.*

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to reception where they will be isolated. If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.'

How do the bubbles work?

Each class will operate as its own bubble, with consistent staff members, following the UK National Curriculum. Year groups will continue to operate in a consistent manner.

What equipment can my child bring in to school?

Whilst we want to continue limiting the amount of equipment brought to and from school, we will permit the following essentials: school bag/book bag, lunch boxes, water bottle, hats, coats and a reading book. Currently we are not accepting bikes or scooters onto the school premises.

Will my child still receive a broad and balanced curriculum?

As far as practically possible yes. Our offer will remain broad and ambitious. However, some modification of the curriculum might be needed at the start of the term. All risk assessed precautions will be in place where practical equipment might need to be shared between bubbles.

Will my child be expected to wear school uniform?

All children are expected to wear school uniform and staff will be reinforcing the school uniform policy, however, we recognise that some parents may not be able to purchase new school shoes or uniform therefore please contact the school office to discuss this or email office@southwayjunior.co.uk

Will my child still be taught PE?

Yes. Children will remain in their bubbles and any equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned between use. On your child's nominated P.E. days, your child will be expected to come to school wearing school P.E. kit for the day. A list of PE days is attached.

Will my child have any trips, visits or visitors in spring term?

No. Trips outside Burgess Hill are suspended for the remainder of the term. However, if a trip is within walking distance and is available, it will go ahead.

Will there be after school clubs?

No. These are suspended for the spring term.

What is in place to support my child if they need some extra support?

Due to allocated government funding for the academic year 2020/2021 we have been able to release Miss Mudford to work specifically with children the school has identified as needing extra support in reading, writing or maths.

Will year 6 be taking SATs this year?

No. The Government has suspended SATS for this academic year. The teachers will carry out the usual assessments in school. Years 3-5 will be using NFER testing as per the school's assessment policy.

Will year 4 be taking the statutory multiplication test this year?

No. The Government has suspended the multiplication test for this academic year.

Is the school providing hot lunches/packed lunches?

Yes. For children who are entitled to free school meals, Chartwells will provide a cold packed lunch at lunchtime. All other children must bring their own packed lunches. No hot lunches will be available.

Can I come and watch my child in a class assembly or celebration assemblies?

No. Assemblies and parent visits to school are suspended until further notice.

What happens if the whole school is shut? Will the school provide 'virtual teaching' in the event of a lockdown?

In the event of the school closing or a national / local lockdown the school will return to remote online teaching for all pupils.

How often will classrooms and communal areas be cleaned?

The school's risk assessment is available on the school website under the COVID-19 tab.

What if I have a general enquiry that is not on this FAQ? Please contact the office directly on office@southwayjunior.co.uk with any other queries you may have.

