

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that you are all well and that our transition plans to date have been helpful in these difficult times! The Government Guidance for opening schools was finally published on 2nd July. Since then we have been working hard to put all measures in place, including detailed plans and risk assessments, which have now been agreed by the Full Governing Board and the Local Authority. I am very pleased to say, that at this point in time, we are able to welcome all of our pupils back in September in all year groups.

Having said, this, it is very important that all parents, carers and pupils understand that it will not be 'business as usual,' and that the school will run in a different way to begin with. The government guidance still places lots of restrictions on what we can and cannot do in September and this is also very much subject to change over the Summer and as we move into the new academic year. The changes we are having to make are not of our choosing and the limitations being placed upon us are just as frustrating for us as a staff, as it is for parents and pupils. So I would ask for your patience and understanding as we move forward into our new 'normal.'

Given that we have been unable to conduct our normal 'stay and play' sessions in the Summer Term, we will now be following the transition arrangements that we shared with you earlier this year. These are as follows:

Reception September Transition Plan

- Week 1 1st and 2nd September TED Days – **School closed to all pupils**
- 3rd and 4th September – No new reception pupils in school. Virtual Home Visits via Zoom
- Week 2 7th – 9th September – Stay and play sessions 9.30am – 10.30am (Parents to stay with pupils) followed by virtual Home Visits via Zoom in the afternoon and Nursery visits
- 10th and 11th September – 9.00am – 10.45am Children **only** to stay in school and learn early morning routines (no parents)
- Week 3 14th and 15th September – 9.00am – 11.30am Children only to stay in for the morning session only.
- 16th – 18th September – 9.00am – 12.45pm Children only to stay in school and be introduced to lunchtime routines and playtime.



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Week 4 Pupils in school full time (this may need to be reviewed for some pupils)

We really do appreciate that this is not easy to manage for working parents, but given the difficult circumstances we are facing this year, we very much feel that this will be in the best interests of the children. It is also worth noting that until the children are in school on a full time basis, we do not provide wrap around care.

School Risk Assessments and Arrangements

We have created a Parent Handbook, which hopefully, provides you with all of the remaining information you may need for September. We have also attached the Whole School Risk Assessment for your information. This is also available on the school website at www.sytчampton.worcs.sch.uk.

Uniform

We are very aware that, due to the current crisis, your children will not all have their uniform ready for the start of term. Therefore, pupils in Reception only need to begin wearing their uniform from Week 4 when they will be in school full time.

Seesaw App

We have now set your child up as a user on our Home Learning Platform, Seesaw. This has been an invaluable communication tool throughout the pandemic and is the platform that we use to facilitate home learning. We are also planning on using this more widely for homeworks and communications in the future. Please find attached a log in code for your child and information on the App and how to sign up. The App is completely free of charge, but we do need you to sign the consent form in order to be able to use it. Please return this by 1st September to the office email office@syтчampton.worcs.sch.uk.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into our school family in September. In the meantime, I wish you a very happy and safe Summer.

Kind regards

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