



SOUTH BADDESLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I do appreciate what strange times we are living in and how the announcement of another national lockdown will raise a range of different feelings for us all.

I want to start this letter by sharing that throughout this period of time my priority is working to keep our community as safe as possible but also as normal as possible. The children at SBS continue to deserve to THRIVE despite the world context we are all living through. In school the children certainly seem very happy and bubbly, so I really hope that they are coming home and sharing lots of positive news with you too.

On the subject of COVID, the DfE guidance has now been updated. The following changes/ additional control measures are being added to the SBS approach:

- Children to wear layers in order to stay warm in well-ventilated rooms.
- KS2 children to wear face coverings on school transport (we have discussed today how cool they look and they are very excited about this!).
- Families to wear face coverings when dropping children off and collecting children from school.
- Sports Coaches to wear visors when teaching PE and Sport. No indoor sport to take place; this does mean children must wrap up warm for their PE and Sport lessons.
- Only essential visitors in school; this is for health and safety, contractors or professionals working with individual children.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club to continue for working parents.
- Sports and Performing Arts clubs suspended until the guidance is lifted (we are so sorry about this and hope to welcome children back very, very soon)*
- Continued & increased cleaning of the school.
- Continued use of bubbles.
- Continued hand washing and good respiratory care.

***If you have children booked into the Sports After School Club please can you go on to their Scopay accounts to cancel the bookings. If you need to swap your child on to the normal After School Club but are unable to due to the credit being on the other account please can you email the admin office. They will be more than happy to transfer the funds and amend the bookings for you.**





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You can really help us at school by following the national lockdown rules. I am aware that a number of other schools in the New Forest area have needed to close bubbles and that so far we have been really lucky at SBS. It does require a whole community approach though and I appreciate how sensible and considerate everyone has been in our community.

Please remember, if your child or a family member develops symptoms, the whole family should isolate and book a COVID test. Please do keep us informed at school if this happens to you so that we can record our absences accurately and if necessary take further action to isolate close contacts of individual who test positive.

The symptoms to look out for and require a Covid test are as follows:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

The website below has been shared with me by some of the SBS medical professionals we are lucky to have in our parent community. You may find it useful to read:

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/popular-topics/coronavirus>

Learning when self-isolating

Also, please remember that if your child needs to isolate and they are well enough to carry on learning, we have uploaded activities for each class to their Google Classroom accounts. These activities track closely the learning we are doing in school or they provide an opportunity to revise key learning points. We hope you find these activities useful and enjoyable.





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Online Safety

We are deeply aware of how much we are using online resources and whilst we feel this is bringing many benefits to the SBS community, we know we need to work hard to keep our children safe online. We teach online safety regularly and all classes have just completed a further unit on this topic. All children, from Gruffalo to Aslan class, have committed to an online safety pledge. You can see these pledges on Google Classroom.

Parent Consultations and Open Afternoon

We are really looking forward to meeting with you next week for our virtual Parent Consultations. On Friday afternoon, the team will set up GoogleMeet codes, these will be emailed to your child's gmail account. To access this you need to login into their Google account. You do this in the same way to login into Google Classroom.

We will need to be fairly rigorous with our time keeping so that the event runs smoothly, so please be aware that we will stick to our 10 minute timeslots. In addition, if something goes wrong with technology and you are unable to join the meeting, please do not worry – these things can happen! If we can, we will call you and try to fix the issue. If this doesn't work either, please just send an email to the admin office and we will pick up on this the following day. Fingers crossed things will run without hitch but I am mindful that this is the first time we have run a virtual Parent Consultation.

Support email

Please remember to use the support@southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk email if you need to let us know about changes to your end of day arrangements. Emails need to be sent to us by 11am on the day of the change. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Wellbeing

The staff at SBS are in the process of planning our annual 'Special Me Day.' For families who are new to the school, this is a special day in the SBS calendar specifically handed over to 'wellbeing and emotional development.' It is one piece in the jigsaw puzzle of curriculum initiatives to support the healthy development and growth of all of our children.

Normally we start the day with some kind of shared dramatization of a book related to a topic such as 'feelings' or 'identity' or friendship.





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We then spend the day working in mixed pupil groups exploring this concept further. Obviously we need to adapt how we organise our day this year but are still determined to run the day as it feels more appropriate than ever. To help us plan the day, we are developing some pupil questionnaires. You will find these questionnaires on Google Classroom. Please complete these questionnaires with your child and then 'turn in' on Google Classroom.

Children in Need

Next week is Children in Need week. We are going to support this important charity by running 'Five to THRIVE' activities each day with our classes. We will be selling Children in Need bands to bubbles; they will cost £1.00 and children should bring this to school in a small envelope so that we do not need to handle money. The sale of this merchandise will be on Friday 13th November to coincide with a 'non school uniform day.' The children may like to make a donation to the charity and this should be included in the envelope.



Books

I am sure that many of you are now getting prepared for Christmas. With this in mind, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you about Bronnie at The Bookwagon. Bronnie visited us in school last year and helped to inspire the children further through her love of literature. If you are thinking of giving a book as a gift this Christmas, it is really worth looking at the Bookwagon website and/ or contacting Bronnie for further ideas. I think it is great to support small businesses where we can in these challenging times.

<https://bookwagon.co.uk/>





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Friday Awards –Friday 6th November

Gruffalo

Henry Blunden – For always trying his best!

Elmer

Pippa Sellars - For a fantastic fireworks poem written completely independently. My favourite phrase was "tambourine noise".

Paddington

Max Banta - For your wonderful contribution to our English lessons this week. Max you have come up with some great words to describe firework noises and you had some fantastic ideas for your ambitious acrostic poem!

Tulane

Amelie Hoyle – For always putting in 100% to all your work and persevering with some challenging maths problems.

Shadow

Ellen Moir - For giving 110% and producing a well crafted non chronological report, keep up the unstinting work ethic!

Aslan

Charlotte Naylor - For persevering in maths even when she faces a challenge. I know you can do it and you have proved it!

Oakhaven

Finally, I wanted to share an email I received from the team at Oakhaven.

Good Evening

I have just sent a thank you card for your wonderful hamper and such beautiful and caring cards and notes. We really are so grateful to have been thought of and it really has put smiles on our faces. There were so many lovely gifts that I was able to share them around all our departments such as the ward, day centre, community and our fundraisers, housekeeping and facility teams too.

I took the attached pictures and our fundraisers will be putting them on Facebook, but I thought that you may wish to see them too.

And from Jane Askham who manages our linked project with Oakhaven:

*Thank you so much for the lovely hamper and cards!
I really enjoyed reading all the comments!*





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Thank you all so much for your on-going support. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Warm regards
Anne Moir

