

**Salisbury Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Friday; we've missed the children and can't wait to hear of their summer adventures and activities. I thought I'd write to you with a few pieces of useful information before we see each other.

- Children are to return to school Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Gates open from 8:40 am - 8:55 am and again for afternoon collection at 3:15 pm.

Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 – drop off and collection is the top children's entrance gate (where I usually stand).

YN, YR, Y5 & Y6 – drop off and collection is at the bottom gate in Station Street (where Mr Berry usually stands).

The children's teachers will be there to greet your child/ren on the playground for the first few days whilst they get used to where they are going in the mornings.

- School uniform is to be worn please and remember those black shoes.
- PE kits can be worn on their PE days as before, you'll be informed by text of your child's PE days and their swimming days should they be going swimming. The children will also be continuing with their Forest School outdoor learning so you'll have these days too where they'll need to wear their playing out clothes and wellies.

I am still in the process of rewriting our risk assessment and I will send this to you when it is completed. The below information, however, will feature in the risk assessment and has come from Government guidance documents and from the Local Authority. I'm sure you'll understand that this is subject to change based on local infection rates – all of my changes will be based on the advice from Walsall Public Health and the Education Authority.

On the 24th August, the DfE blog site, the education hub, published: Back to school – what you need to know. It can be found here:-

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/24/back-to-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

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- This makes clear to parents and pupils that:
  - pupils no longer need to be in bubbles;
  - masks are no longer compulsory;
  - schools no longer need to complete contact tracing;
- In terms of basic measures, parents are told:
  - testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools;
  - ensuring good hygiene including frequent and thorough hand cleaning and the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.
- I shall be making sure that in school we shall be:
  - maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes;
  - keeping occupied spaces well ventilated;
  - following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Please note:

- Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:
  - they are fully vaccinated;
  - they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months;
  - they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial;
  - they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

**• A PCR test is recommended in the above cases and we would appreciate it if this continued, I’m sure you’ll agree, we want to keep our children, staff and school community as safe as we possibly can.**

Please phone us if you are unsure of the rules, guidance or what to do in any circumstance as we are always there to help you – the rules are confusing and we understand this.



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Please contact me any time via the office if you wish to chat about anything or come and see me on the gates in the morning or at the end of the day.

Take care,

Deborah Steen  
Headteacher



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