

# Selside Endowed Church of England School

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**Starting back - September 2021**

30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers.

I hope this letter finds you all well and that you have been able to enjoy the Summer holiday. We are very excited to welcome everyone back in school in their new classes:

**The Adventurers** (Nursery, Reception, Year 1)

**The Explorers** (Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4)

And **The Discoverers** (Year 5 and Year 6).

## **Latest COVID-19 update: guidelines for schools**

Following the latest guidance released last week, we have revisited our risk assessments for this year. Below are the key changes that will be in place from Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September:

- There are now no 'bubbles' in schools.
- Staff will not need to wear face masks inside school.
- The use of face masks for Staff and parents the playground is not mandatory and is down to personal choice.
- Visitors to school site will not need to wear face masks
- Children showing Covid-19 symptoms WILL continue to be sent home from school and need to get a PCR test before returning.
- Close contacts of people with Covid-19 WILL need to isolate until they have a PCR test and it's result even if they have been double jabbed.
- Close contacts of people with Covid-19 WILL NOT need to self-isolate for ten days if they have been double jabbed OR are under 18 ONCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED A NEGATIVE PCR TEST RESULT

## **The School Day**

All children, including nursery and reception new starters, start back on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September**. Breakfast club will be available in the **Zen Den from 8.15**. We are going to keep using the external

doors to classrooms. Children can play on site from 8.40. Children should aim to be in school for 8.55 for a 9.00 prompt start.

The **Adventurers** will come into school through the side gate into their playground.

The **Explorers** will come into school through the big green door.

The **Discoverers** will come into school the classroom side door.

All children finish at **3.20** and will meet parents in the small field next to the Zen Den. After School will be running as normal- everyday to 5.30. Please email Laura in the office if you would like to book a space.

### **PE and Outdoor learning kit**

During the pandemic, the children came to school wearing their PE kit. This saved lots of time! We have decided to continue on doing this. This year PE will be on a **Tuesday**. Children need to come to school in their trainers, black jogging bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt or polo shirt and their school jumper. A PE kit bag in school with spare clothes and socks maybe useful too, especially for the younger children.

Please make sure their waterproofs, wellingtons and other suitable clothing are in school for outdoor learning sessions. Your child will have labelled outdoor learning bag in school.

Children need to bring in a water bottle, so the children can have a drink throughout the day. These can be taken home daily or left for the week. They will all be sent home on a Friday.

### **School Dinner reminder**

Please remember to order school dinners on the Orion website. If you have any problems with logging in contact Laura Mackenzie – [admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk)

### **County show**

The Explorers and Investigators have tickets to the County Show on **Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> September**. Further details will follow.

All of us here are hoping that this year will be a lot closer to what we are used to in terms of 'normal' school life. Fingers crossed!

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Kind regards,

*June Lowther*