



# Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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## **Return to school for all children**

Dear families,

Thank you for your ongoing support. After my letter yesterday, I wanted to touch base today and share some practical details about the return to school. I included a few frequently asked questions, from contact with families this week. I hope the information is helpful, but if there is something that this letter doesn't cover, please just get in touch with me, or your child's class teacher.

### **What time is pick up and drop off?**

The times for picking up and dropping children are the times we used during the autumn term. Remember, to keep everyone safe, we need families to arrive at their allocated time, not earlier. If you are picking up a sibling, please arrive at the later time slot (unless collecting from Pre-School). All children in Pioneers should be brought at the same time as their eldest sibling.

**Pre-School 8.50am arrival, 3.00pm collection**

**Leaders and Learners (Mrs Brown and Mrs Walker) arrive at 8.50am and pick up at 3.10pm**

**Adventurers and Discoverers (Mrs Roe and Mrs Taylor) arrive at 9.00am and pick up at 3.15pm**

### **Will I still need to wear a face covering?**

All adults on the school site will be required to wear a face covering, unless medical exemptions apply.

### **Can I bring others family members with me when coming to the school?**

We must keep numbers of people on the school site as low as possible. For this reason, we ask that only one adult collects the children from school. We understand that younger siblings, not yet in school, will need to come along too for some families.

### **What should children wear for school?**

All children need to wear uniform, unless in Pre-School.

### **What if my child's uniform no longer fits and I need new uniform?**

Do not worry, we understand that children grow quickly! If you would like to buy new uniform from school, please purchase these on ParentPay, where you can indicate the size and quantity you need. We will then get these directly to you (if the children are in school) or get in touch with you to arrange a safe collection.

### **My child has grown out of their school shoes, what should I do?**

We know this is a common issue and, with shops shut, it is not always possible to replace. We just care that your children are comfortable and happy. For this reason, if children have outgrown their school shoes and need to wear an alternative, that is totally fine!

**What should my child bring to school?**

We still need to leave unnecessary items at home, so ask that children bring a PE kit to school (and leave it onsite), a coat, water bottle and reading book. This could be in a school book bag, but large rucksacks should remain at home. We will be changing reading books in the first week back, so it is important that books at home are returned to school, please.

**What about homework?**

We will be relaxing our homework policy until the summer term. We will be in touch after Easter with details about this restarting.

**I am worried about how my child will catch up on missed work. What is the school doing about this?**

In my letter yesterday, I explained the school's plan to address the areas of learning that need support or extension, after the lockdown period. We will not be adding pressure to families or children by discussing the need to 'catch up'. This will be achieved, but we recognise that every child is different and we will support them all equally and their individual starting point.

**What if I need to speak to my child's class teacher?**

We understand that because of staggered pick up and drop off times, it will be difficult to talk to staff. If you need to speak to any member of staff, please either, send a message on Tapestry, text us, give us a call or email [headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk). Staff will be using Tapestry to keep families updated on how the children settle back into school.

**Will breakfast and after school club be running?**

Yes. Sessions need to be booked in advance on ParentPay. Children will remain in bubble groups, keeping a safe distance in the hall.

**What will the school be doing to support children in keeping active after a period of lockdown?**

We know that it is important to promote a healthy lifestyle and keep everyone active. It is unlikely we will return to swimming sessions in the near future, but other sporting activities, such as dance, tennis and sports with Mr Gokool will start again. We also have a range of other ideas that we will be using to increase the amount of exercise children enjoy each day. Watch this space for more details!

**What will happen if there is a positive case of Covid-19 in school?**

All safety measures are taken to reduce the risk of this, but, if we find ourselves with a positive case in school, all contacts will be identified and informed they must isolate.

I hope these questions and answers are useful, but if there is anything else you need to know before returning on the 8th, please do get in touch!

Thank you for your continued support,

Scott Grason  
Headteacher