

Seely Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of our new school year and a special welcome to all of our new families joining us for the first time. We hope that you have all stayed well and managed to have some time with your families over the summer holiday period. We have been preparing the school over the holiday so we are ready to receive everyone. We have had our usual upgrading of carpets, Interactive Whiteboards, painting classrooms and the fencing around our remembrance/sensory garden. We can't wait to show the children our new science outdoor classroom area at the back of the school with thanks to Ms Jozsa and Miss Hurt who have developed a new pond area; look out for the pictures on our website and requests for pond plants and advice on seasonal flower-growing.

Our start of term is going to be quite different to how we would ideally like it to be; with staggered start and end times, staggered playtimes and lunchtimes and changes to the way that we teach and deliver lessons.

Below is a reminder of the start times for your children. Please only come to the assigned entrance gates two minutes before you are due in so that we can avoid congestion and kindly remember to keep good physical distance between yourself and other adults. The same arrangements will apply at the end of the day. Can you please make sure that your child has their bags and drinks with them as they approach the gate to enable a swift handover.

	Time	Nursery Gate	Main Gate (Perry Road)	Side Gate (by KS2 dining hall)
Entry	8.45 am	Nursery	Year 2	Year 6
	8.55 am		Year 3	Year 5
	9.05 am		Year 1	Year 4
	9.15 am		F2	
Exit	3.00 pm		Year 2	Year 6
	3.10 pm		Year 3	Year 5
	3.20 pm	Nursery	Year 1	Year 4
	3.30 pm		F2	

Our newest children will be starting gradually with us in F2 over the next few weeks and will be coming on a series of short visits. To clarify, if your youngest child is only visiting initially, in F2, then your older children will need to arrive at the new start time for F2, which is 9.15am. The same for collecting them-which is at 3.30pm.

Nursery children will not be classed as your youngest child (because of the part-time nature of many of their placements), and due to the fact that we do not want lots of children walking through school to get to and from the nursery. They should arrive at 8.45am via the nursery gate.

If you have more than one child, they will need to come, and be collected, at the same time as the youngest child in school (not including those in nursery). For example, if you have a child in nursery and in Year 4, please take the nursery child to the nursery gate at 8.45am, then come around to the KS2 side dining hall gate for 9.05am.

Please refer to our letter dated 14.7.20 for more detailed information.

As we are unable to have any parents on site we will be asking you to leave the children at the gates, where they will be able to wait with their class teacher before going in, so it is vital that you are on time.

At the end of the day we will bring the children to their relevant gates. Older siblings will be with their younger brothers and sisters so that you can all go at the same time. Please can we ask that you do not congregate at the entrances and leave as soon as you have delivered/collected your children.

These first few days will be quite testing for all of us, so please bear with us as we try to make this as swift a process as possible. We will iron out any issues as they arise.

Can we take this opportunity to remind you that if either your child or yourselves test positive, can you please telephone or email school as soon as possible? Isolation for someone who has tested positive has now increased to ten days, and if you live with someone who is tested positive you will need to self-isolate for 14 days. We will be contacting you to collect your child if they show any Covid symptoms. Please come promptly if you are called.

Please continue to inform the school office if your child is ill, for whatever reason, so that we can record this accurately.

We hope to be able to hold parents' evenings in October and we will get these details to you as soon as we have finalised a safe way of doing this.

As you know, the children are going to remain in their class bubbles, with minimum interaction with other bubbles. However, in order to facilitate our play and lunchtimes, we are able to have children in Year Group bubbles at those times. We will be reminding children about physical distancing and hand washing, so please go over these with your children at home. We are maintaining our enhanced cleaning regimes in school for the foreseeable future to make Seely as safe as possible.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of our amazing Seely children again and to gradually welcoming our new F2 children. We have plans in place for an exciting curriculum for everyone and rest assured that we will be working closely with you to fill any gaps in learning you or your child may be worried about. We always employ a well-rehearsed system at Seely whenever we find children need to catch up at any point. Our staff are very mindful that that the main thing is to settle the children back into their routines and to ensure they are feeling secure and enjoying their learning. We will all need to be kind and patient with each other in order to get this right for our children.

Thank you and we will see you very soon.

Mrs Pearce and Mrs Newton