

**Sulby Primary School**  
**'learning is a great adventure'**

**Returning to school - update Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**This update includes the changes made to the original return to school parent information sheet which was published on 9<sup>th</sup> June.**

We have been advised today that we can plan for the return of key worker children from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June and can hopefully invite all our children back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

The health and safety and happiness of all our children has been the focus for our planning and we have had to make some changes to our routines to keep everyone safe and well. We are also aware that children will have had many different experiences over the last three months and we want to ensure they all return to their familiar Sulby School environment of fun, friendship and learning.

Please can parents advise us of any family issues that we may need to be aware of when the children return to school so we can offer additional support and reassurance if needed.

**Risk Assessments - updated**

We have been working closely with both the DESC and our Health and Safety Officers to ensure that school is as safe as possible as more children return to learning in school.

We have considered recent advice and guidance from Public Health and from DESC and are planning a return to school without the need for social distancing and other significant measures. We will be ensuring additional regular cleaning, encouraging frequent hand washing and having a clear protocol for illness.

**Classroom Organisation - updated**

We are planning to use our classrooms in a very similar way to before the closure and children should hopefully settle back into their familiar environment.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will remain social occasions, although children will be eating their lunches in classrooms under supervision from teachers and ancillaries during this week.

Play toys and equipment will be available during playtimes and lunchtimes and these will be cleaned more frequently. Classroom resources will be available for individual children to use and also will be cleaned regularly. We are looking to introduce

assemblies and most have already made arrangements for outdoor opportunities and adventures with the Venture Centre.

### **Registering Places - updated**

We have lists for children joining us this week on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June but from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will plan for all children to join us unless parents advise us that their child will be remaining at home until September. We plan to operate our registers as normal for children in school and will plan for daily attendance.

### **Home Education - updated**

The DESC has recognised that not all parents may want their child to return before September and their choice will be supported by DESC without sanction. There will need to be some change in home learning as teachers focus on planning for the children in school.

### **Illness - no changes**

We need to request that any child coming to school is well and not displaying symptoms of any type of illness. Any child that does come into school and feels unwell or has signs of illness will need to be sent home. We do need to be very careful on this issue and parents will be asked to come to school immediately to collect their child. If there are any health issues in your family and your child has been attending school you must advise school and take advice from Public Health, Isle of Man.

We are all aware that there is a high level of hay fever around at the moment which seems to be affecting people who have never suffered before. Some of the hay fever symptoms can be similar to those advised on Covid-19. Please can parents advise the school office if your child is suffering from hay fever and takes medication.

### **Lunch - no changes**

The school kitchen will be open and can provide a packed lunch for children instead of the usual hot meal. Please advise the office if you would like to order. However, we are suggesting children bring their own lunch, snack and drink from home which they can keep beside them during the day. Children on free school meals will continue to receive a voucher but may also order a packed lunch.

### **Clothing and belongings - updated**

We are not requiring children to wear school uniform for the rest of this term but are recommending children choose 'suitable' clothing which could include t- shirt, shorts,

trousers leggings etc . Parents may want to wash clothes daily and wearing home clothes may make this an easier option. We have plenty of exercise and outdoor activities planned and we suggest that P.E. kits may now be useful in school. Trainers are fine for school this term as they can be used outside as well as indoors.

### **Classes and teachers**

We expect to have all our teachers in school and will operate our usual teaching groups when we return. We have tried to plan year group trips and also to ensure the LGA in Year 5 and Year 6 is completed.

### **Arriving in school - updated**

Please can parents help us by following these guidelines and advising us if there any improvements we could make.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June we are opening for key worker children from 8.45am. Children should meet their teacher in the playground and follow the guidance given. We will head into school at 8.55am

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we are open for all our children and will be using our normal school day timings. The playground will be open from 8.30am and teachers will be on duty from 8.45am. Entry to school will follow our usual arrangements.

### **Home time - updated**

We are planning to operate our usual home times with the younger children leaving school at 3.30pm and the older children at 3.35pm. We will use the usual doors and dismissal arrangements each day. Please can parents be considerate of other car park users when parking up. If we operate a patient and considerate car park it will benefit the safety of all our children.

The office will be accessible at the usual times and we will still be monitoring our enquiries email address for any questions or communications.

### **What you need to bring to school - no changes**

Every child will need to bring their own named water bottle, a snack, a packed lunch and a waterproof coat. We will ask children just to bring a small bag to school with their PE kit.