



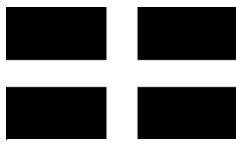
Shortlanesend School

Newsletter



5th March 2021

Gool Peran Lowen!



Dear Parent/Carer

School Update:

We are all looking forward to Monday and the return of all our pupils to school. We have missed them all being here over the past eight weeks, and are thrilled to be in a position to welcome them all back to the classroom.

There may be some mixed feelings and emotions from children and parents on Monday. The last few weeks may have seen some people cocoon themselves in a safe place at home together, so having to return to school may cause some anxiety. We are fully aware of the emotional rollercoaster that people have been riding over this term. Be assured that our staff will sensitively support the return to school for all our families. If your child is anxious, this week's story - The Little Elf and the The Flowers of Hope and Bravery available on our website might help:

[Welcome to Shortlanesend School \(eschools.co.uk\)](https://eschools.co.uk)

Please take the time to read the letter that was emailed to all parents on Tuesday this week regarding the arrangements, procedures and timings which will be in affect from Monday. We remain positive and hopeful that we can continue having all children attending school for the remainder of the year, however, we are always at risk of factors outside of our control. Please help us reduce the risks by:

- adhering to drop-off and collection timings
- not congregating
- sticking to one adult per family
- remembering to wear a mask, unless you are medically unable.

A reminder, that staff will be wearing masks in communal areas of the school and whilst on duty outside at the start and ending of the day. This has happened since the start of term and our key worker and vulnerable children and parents who have attended have accepted this with no upset.

Finally, thank you all for your support and input over the past few weeks. It is very much appreciated. Have a restful weekend, and even though you will not be able to see behind my mask, I will be smiling happily on the gate on Monday morning seeing you all again!

Hearing Test:

There will be a Hearing Screening Test for all **Year 1** children on **15th March**. All children will be tested unless parents inform the school in advance of this date that they do not wish their child checked.

World Book Day

Thank you to those children and their families who took part in Mrs Ashley's whole school challenge this week. We have some real daredevil children showing some very extreme positions to be photographed reading a book! World Book Day Vouchers will be issued to the children next week as well as the prizewinners informed. Remember that everyday is a good day to read to a book!

Drop-off and collection arrangements - Reminder

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Arrival Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Where?</u>
5 – Mr Easter	8:30-8:40	Corridor – Door nearest classroom	3:00	Corridor – Door nearest classroom
4 – Miss Eddison	8:30-8:40	Classroom - Side door	3:00	Classroom - Side door
3 – Mrs Ashley	8:40-8:50	Class Door	3:10	Class Door
2 – Miss Adler	8:40-8:50	Class Door	3:10	Class Door
1 – Mrs Lewis/Mrs Stanhope	8:50	Through outside area	3:10	Playground

- Staggered drop off and collection times based on class
- 1-way directional system
- An adult will be at the main gate entrance welcoming the children and supporting with the direction of movement.
- **One adult per family** will accompany their child – unfortunately, no parent or carer will be able to enter the building
- **No child or adult should gather on the school site at any time**
- Children will enter their classrooms via their external classroom door and will immediately wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.
- For collection, the gates will be open at 14:55. Do not to arrive before 14:55 as this would result in congestion
- Siblings to be dropped off/collected at earliest time
- To support the safe environment, **parents must adhere to the collection and drop off times**

NHS Advice – A reminder

The NHS reports that the three main symptoms of Corona Virus to be watchful for are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Dates

Spring Term:

The term is scheduled to finish on **Thursday 1st April**.

Summer Term:

The Summer term is planned to start on **Monday 19th April**. There is a bank holiday on **Monday 3rd May** and we break for half term on **Friday 28th May**. We return to school on **Tuesday 8th June**. The final day of the term and the year will be **Friday 23rd July** (this day will finish at **1:30**).

Have a restful weekend.