



FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2021

Welcome back!

We hope you enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer and managed to stay well. We have had a fantastic week (and a day!) back at school and the children have settled in to their new classes and learning so well. I have really enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing the children enjoying the start of their new topics—they are already keen to share their learning. We are sure this will be another year with challenges but we are determined to Enjoy, Achieve and Aspire!
Mrs Frampton

Gates and Times

As previously explained, we are keeping our staggered starts and finishes for the month of September and then we will review. However, we will only be having a 5 minute gap between bubbles now we are used to the system. Here is a reminder of times.

Back gate

Year 1	8.40 start	3.05 End
Year 2	8.45 start	3.10 End
Year 3	8.50 start	3.25 End

Front gate

Year 4	8.40 start	3.15 End
Year 5	8.45 start	3.20 End
Year 6	8.50 start	3.25 End
Reception	9.00 start	3.25 End

Parents will be asked to drop off at the gates. Reception parents however, will be allowed to take their child to the classroom for the first week.

New Year R children

We have really enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children to school this week and have been impressed with how grown up they are. They have looked so smart in their school uniforms and are settling in to school life brilliantly. Reception children start their full time day on Monday starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3.25pm. Please drop off and pick up from the front gate.

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New COVID processes

As you will be aware from the news, there have been changes to isolation rules over the summer and these rules also apply to schools.

- ⇒ If your child shows symptoms of COVID 19, they must isolate at home until they have had a PCR test (NOT a 30 minute home test)
- ⇒ If your child shows symptoms in school they will be sent home and you will be asked to book a PCR test
- ⇒ If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID 19, they will have to isolate at home for 10 days
- ⇒ Close contacts will be identified and advised to book a PCR test. Your child does not need to isolate whilst waiting for the test or result
- ⇒ If there is a positive case in a class, the class will no longer be sent home for remote learning. Face to face learning will continue in school
- ⇒ If someone in your household has tested positive, siblings can continue to attend school as long as they are symptom free
- ⇒ As the test centre at 2Riversmeet has closed, the closest test centre is in Boscombe. You can order a home PCR test kit online or by calling 119.

I understand that this is a significant change to the process we followed last school year and we will seek advice from BCP and Public Health England if there is a case of COVID in the school as always.

However, the current guidance expects children to be in school if they are symptom free even if there has been a positive case in their class or household. The current guidance states it would be an unauthorised absence if you chose to keep your child off school and no remote learning would be provided. I am in discussion with BCP about this.

We therefore need to do all we can to minimise the chance of COVID entering the school to start with and minimise the risk of it spreading if we do have a case. You will find our current risk assessment on the school website and I ask you to do all you can to stay safe out of school.

Welcome!

We would like to officially welcome Mr Trewby who is teaching in Year 5 in 5TW on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Welcome to the team!

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Bikeability

We are really pleased to be able to offer this course in cycling safety to a group of children in Year 4, 5 and 6.

This is due to our partnership work with Sustrans charity and is part of our work to encourage less children using a car to travel to school.

Swimming

After a year of not being able to access the pools, we are pleased to be taking Year 4 swimming at Two Riversmeet this term. Further information will be sent home. If your child is anxious about water or swimming PLEASE speak to your child's class teacher as there are lots of things we can do to support them. Small steps towards water confidence are so important and much better than just not going at all.

Primary Futures

We are working with Primary Futures to support our school value Aspire this term. Children will take part in workshops and activities which are designed to expand their view of future employment opportunities.

We are really keen to help our children aspire to great things and if you would be willing to talk to a group of children about your job we would love to hear from you!

Marvellous Me

This is the main method of communication at Somerford. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and that it is working. Please also ensure you have the notifications turned on or you check it daily. Not only do letters and information get sent home on the app, your child's teacher will also share photos of your child, award them badges and other rewards.

This year you will also be asked to log children's reading via MM and there are quick links to email different people in school.

If you need any help with MM, please email jhill@somerset.dorset.sch.uk

Maths Hub

We are working with the Jurassic Maths Hub this year on a programme designed to develop children's number sense and number fluency. Children in Year R, 1 and 2 will be receiving the additional number sessions as part of their timetable. All teachers in school will be receiving additional maths training as part of the programme.

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Christchurch youth rugby

Every Sunday from 10am at
The Grange School – BH23 3AU
From U6 up to U14 - boys and girls welcome!
Get in touch to discuss your child attending

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Diary dates

Dates for this half term have been sent home via Marvellous Me.

Additional support for parents and children

We are pleased to welcome Rachel Virrill who works for the Brighter Futures Team within Early Help at BCP. She will be based at school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday most weeks.

She will be running programmes for parents and carers such as The Parenting Journey and Building Positive Relationships as well as running Think Brick sessions with children. Rachel will be working really closely with Mr Walsh so if you have any questions please speak to him.

Date of next newsletter

Friday 24th September 2021

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