

# South Farnborough Junior School

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## Back to School Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the arrangements for the beginning of the Autumn term.

School starts for all children on **Thursday 4th September**. To ease the new year 3 children in, we are asking Parents and Carers of new year 3 children to bring them at **9.15am - for the first day only** (This does not apply to our Middle School children using county transport). All other year groups, will have the usual time of arriving **between 8.30am - 8.50am**.

### YEAR 3

#### ***First day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September***

The new year 3 children will need to be brought to the lower school playground for **9.15am**. This is to the left of the school building behind our staff carpark. Please enter the school site through the front gate. Staff will be on the playground to welcome the children.

At the end of the day on Thursday, we are asking our new year 3 parents to pick up their child at **3.25pm**, again from the lower school playground. All three gates into school will be open from 3.20pm.

#### ***From Friday 5th September***

**Arrival** - If you are able to leave your child at the gate, please drop off between 8.30am and 8.50am. Alternatively, you are welcome to accompany them onto the lower school playground where they can then go straight into their classrooms through the door at the bottom of the glass stairs. Please note, gates are locked at 8.50am.

**Pick-up** – Parents/Carers will need to pick up at 3.25pm from the Lower school playground, again coming onto the school site through any gate. All year 3 children need to be collected by an adult.

### YEAR 4, 5, 6.

#### ***First day - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September***

The gates will open at 8.30am. When you arrive, please wait on the upper school playground if you are year 5 and 6 and the lower school playground if you are year 4. Your class teachers will come onto the playground to collect you and lead you in at 8.50am

School will end at 3.25pm for the children in year 4, 5 and 6. They can leave through any gate - The Grove, King George V park gate, or out the front gate.

#### ***From Friday 5th September***

All of year 4, year 5 and year 6 please come straight into your classroom as soon as you arrive anytime between 8.30am and 8.50am. Year 4 please go in through your outside doors.

Classes 5V, 5U and 6V please go up the back stairs (the stairs leading onto the field).

Classes 5W, 6U and 6W please use the front stairs by the library.

School will end at 3.25pm for the children in year 4, 5 and 6. Please remember your staircase if upstairs, children. Once outside, the children can leave through any gate - The Grove, King George V park gate, or out the front gate.

Parents/Carers of year 4, 5 or 6 children please ensure your child knows which gate to leave from. We will only be allowing year 3 parents on site.



## **Wraparound Care and clubs**

This term, our wraparound care will be provided by CM Sports starting on the first day back. Breakfast club will be available from 7:30am and after-school care will be available from 3:25pm to 6pm, with a choice of different sessions. For more information on how to book, please click [here](#).

CM Sports are also offering their popular football clubs for girls and boys which will be starting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 3:25pm to 4:35pm. Details of how to book can be found [here](#)

School led clubs will be arranged once the children have had a chance to settle back in to school and an email will be sent out when these are available to book.

## **School Meals**

Copies of the new standard menus can be found on the school [website](#). If we are aware that your child has a special dietary requirement, a copy of their menu will be emailed to you before the start of term. Children choose their lunch option (school meal or packed lunch) during registration, there is no need to pre-book.

School meals are charged at £3 per day. Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient credit on their Arbor account before ordering any meals. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible for free school meals. You can do a simple check and apply via the Hampshire website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>.

## **Medication**

**Year 3** - If your child is bringing in medication to be kept at or taken in school (e.g. asthma inhaler, epipen etc) you will need to complete a medication form for each item. All medication needs to be provided in the original packaging with the dispensing label from the pharmacy attached. A copy of the form is available to download from our website [here](#) or paper copies will be available on the first day. A member of staff will be available for you to hand medication to on the first morning.

**Years 4, 5 and 6** - If you are returning medication after the Summer break, children will need hand this to their teacher in the morning to go back into their class medication box. If your child has new medication or there have been changes to a previous medication (e.g. medication/dosage change), you will need to complete a new medication form and drop together with the medication to Mrs Ankers in the office to be booked in. (This must be in the original packaging with the dispensing label from the pharmacy attached). It will then be returned to the classroom medical box/medical room as appropriate.

## **School Uniform**

We are very proud of the smart appearance of our pupils and I would like to ask for your support in ensuring children comply with the school uniform regulations.

***All children are expected to be in full school uniform on days when they do not have PE and wearing a proper PE uniform on their PE days.*** The details of our school uniform are on our [website](#), please be aware of what our PE school uniform looks like.

**PE Lessons** - Due to the school photographer coming in on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, PE lessons will start from **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. PE timetables are available to view on the class pages.

**Jewellery** - regulations are strict for safety reasons. Children are permitted to wear a watch and one stud per ear. Watches must be removed during PE and games lessons; earrings need to be removed or covered. Children should not be wearing nail varnish.

**Hairstyles** – There are no limits on the grade used for haircuts, as we think that a short, neat haircut looks nice whether a grade 1 or a grade 3. However, we would ask for your support in adhering to the following:

- Smart and tidy hairstyles only.
- All long hair to be tied back.
- Only natural hair colours.
- No tram lines/shaved patterns, or skin fades.

**Shoes** - On school uniform days: Shoes should be normal black school shoes preferably, but if not, they can be black trainers – as long as they are completely black (no white soles or flashes on the trainers etc).

On PE uniform days: Children are able to wear any trainers that are suitable for PE & Sports lessons. They come to school in their PE kits, again please check the school website if you are unsure what is required.

**Socks** - black or white only.

**Hair decorations** – Please, if the children wish to wear bows, could they be yellow or black, and not too big! Hair accessories such as cat ears are not permitted.

Brenda's continue to sell our uniform. They sell our yellow polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, P.E. t-shirts, baseball caps, fleeces and waterproof jackets.

We also have a second-hand uniform shop here at school - all information and prices available on our website.

### **School Attendance**

As a school we actively encourage excellent attendance and will look to support and challenge weaker attendance, this includes punctuality. We have a dedicated [page](#) on our school website full of information regarding our attendance expectations at South Farnborough Junior School. Parents/Carers are expected to contact the school office either by phone or email if their child is unable to attend school for everyday of their absence. Please note: we do not use Studybugs to report absences.

If you have any queries prior to the start of term, please email the school office.

Kind Regards

Mrs J Byrne

Headteacher