



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

It has been amazing to see all our children and families after the summer break. We have been delighted with how all the children have settled back into their new learning and daily routines so quickly.

There are lots of new faces around school. We are fortunate to have a number of new TAs working across school with your children. Mrs Land is with us four days a week in the role of SENDco, with support from Mrs Slater. Mrs Slater is also the Assistant Headteacher overseeing Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6). We also welcome our new teachers to Sledmere. We are delighted with how they have got off to such a great start with their new classes. If you see them, please say hello to Miss Haroon in Year 2, Mrs Norman in Year 3 and Miss Altaf in Year 5 and Mr Pritchard in Year 6. Miss Craddock in Year 2 has stepped into Miss Smith's class due to new Public Health guidance for expectant mothers. The atmosphere, behaviour and attitude in our school has been absolutely excellent. Our first Key Stage assemblies this week were a lovely experience!

You may have noticed that Mrs Hillery has not been around school over this past week. Mrs Hillery unfortunately has been quite unwell over the Summer break and this illness continues presently. I am in regular contact with her and she asked me to pass on her best wishes to you all. She apologises if she has not got back to you and she wants you to know that she misses the children and our families greatly. We all wish Mrs Hillery a speedy recovery. Please do get in touch with Mrs Slater (dslater@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk) if you have any concerns about your child in relation to any additional needs.

We are really pleased to be able to offer swimming lessons to both Year 3 and Year 4 over this year. We can then catch up on a missed year of swimming! Each class will get ten weeks of swimming lessons over a term. These started yesterday for Tokyo (Y3) and Dubai (Y4). In the Spring Term it will be Singapore (Y3) and Doha (Y4), then Beijing (Y3) and Abu Dhabi (Y4) in the Summer Term. Swimming currently is on a Thursday afternoon.

Children are still able to come into school on their PE days in their PE kit. Please make sure any jewellery is removed for these days as staff cannot, for example, take out earrings. PE days are as follows:

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5	Monday & Thursday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you ever have any concerns, queries or questions. I talked with our staff this morning about how important pride in our community is. We all strive to uphold a mission statement, **Be The Best You Can Be**. We are a listening school and we are always looking to improve what we do for the benefit of our children and families.

Please have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. **Mr Fance, Head of School**



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Learners of the Week!

Nursery

London: Watch this space for next week!

Reception

Cardiff: Caitlyn Russell & Zachary Gill

Belfast: Eshaal Rafiq & Myles Spittle

Edinburgh: Lahna Goddard & Regan Jones

Year 1

Paris: Louie Carre & Bushra Hussain

Rome: Jacob Hudson & Riley Kane

Madrid: Poppy Wakeman & Hashim Aamir

Year 2

Barcelona: George Stringer & Charley Wilkes

Berlin: Jake Newton & Anabia Aman

Budapest: Alaina Mehmood & Charlie Cooper

Year 3

Beijing: Uzair Khan & Aisha Iqbal

Tokyo: Rayyan Bhayat & Ayyat Aftab

Singapore: Darcie Wilkinson & Kamil Budzinki

Year 4

Doha: Amelia Derrer-Rendall & Shiloh Wilkins

Abu Dhabi: Radhika Patel & Alfie Norton

Dubai: Rylan Field & Macey Griffiths

Year 5

Toronto: Raihan Ansar & Mia Lovesy

Chicago: Mohammed Raheem & Zainab Yasin

Boston: Ayaan Khan & Leah Rose

Year 6

Brasilia: Bawo Ofuya & Evan Rowland

Lima: Evie Small & Alihaider Habib

Santiago: Leighton Jones & Maddison Cooper

These are the pupils selected this week in recognition of our school values...

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

- Term starts for the children on Tuesday 7 September
- Half Term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October
- Term ends on Friday 17 December

Spring Term 2022

- Staff Training Day: Tuesday 4 January
- Term starts for the children on Wednesday 5 January
- Half term: Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February
- Term ends on Friday 8 April

Summer Term 2022

- Term starts for the children on Monday 25 April
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
- Term ends on Thursday 21 July

We shall do our best to adhere to this schedule unless unexpected changes in circumstances force us to do otherwise.
Please refer to our weekly newsletter and our website to ensure that you are always fully up to date.

If you wish your child/ren to walk home alone, please contact the school office so that we can record verbal consent. If circumstances change, please just let us know 😊

Many happy returns to all these children, who have celebrated their birthday this week.
We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Lexi Campbell Jessica Blakeway Muhammad Hashmi

Amelia Derrer-Rendall Abdoulie Darboe Oscar Raxster Ayaat Aftab

Archie Bowen Xyae Simons Leona Nji Ahail Sohail Bawo

Ofuya Benjamin Willis Zavier Hussain






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Please refer to this information regarding how we handle any future cases of Covid-19. This, and our updated Risk Assessment, is available on our website.

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Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan – Sept. 2021




<p>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</p> 	 NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children MUST attend school unless they are ill. From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a close contact has Covid. Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
	 YES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test NOT a Lateral Flow test. If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.

Community Covid Risk	Description	Actions
 <p>Low Community Transmission. No School Cases.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no cases of Covid within school for 10 school days. Cases of Covid locally are low and/ or stable. Hospitalisation/ Deaths due to Covid nationally are low. 	<p>No Covid measures are necessary beyond the control measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminding children of good hand-hygiene and respiratory hygiene, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' Appropriate cleaning regimes in place Ensuring good ventilation and a comfortable teaching environment is maintained Ensuring Children / Staff stay at home if they have Covid Symptoms. Children displaying symptoms will be sent home. <p>Staff will continue to test twice weekly using Lateral flow tests until the end of September.</p>
 <p>Rapidly Rising Community Transmission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No current Covid cases have been recorded at school, but... Cases of Covid are rising rapidly in the community causing disruption to other local schools. Public Health England issue warnings of expected local/ national infection wave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventilation of classrooms increased where possible & handwashing supervised. Reduced access to school building by outside visitors Staff-room capacity is reduced. Clinically Vulnerable staff meet with Line-Managers to review their individual risk assessment & discuss additional protection (e.g., use of face coverings, reduction in movement between classes/ groups).



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Number of Cases:	Description:	Actions:
 A single child tests Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A single child tests positive for Covid in a class.• There are fewer than 5 cases in the year group.• No other year groups are affected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided if they are well enough to complete it as outlined on the school website.• The parents of the child are contacted directly by NHS Track and Trace to establish likely contacts.• Likely contacts will be contacted by NHS Track & Trace and advised to book at PCR Test. The school will contact parents to advise this if close contacts are known.• Children do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid Symptoms.
 5 children or staff within a year group test positive within 10 days of each other. OR 3 children or staff in a single Class/ Club within 10 days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been 5 cases of Covid across a year group within 10 days which could mean that Covid is spreading within that group of children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As above for each positive case.• The school will discuss the outbreak with Public Health and agree strengthening protective measures <u>for 10 school days</u>, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Re-introducing staff face masks for corridors & communal areas.○ Adapting, Limiting or postponing indoor sporting events, trips, open days and performances.○ Reducing the amount of classes staff work across.○ Resuming twice-weekly Staff Lateral flow testing.
 Covid cases continue to increase rapidly within a 10 day period.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Despite the measures indicated above, Covid cases within the school continue to rise within a 10 day period with multiple classes and staff affected, suggesting that Covid is spreading widely throughout the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incident Management Team meeting held between the school, MAT and Public Health if appropriate to agree further measures, <u>for a further 10 school days</u>, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Re-introducing class bubbles.○ Reverting to class-based school lunches.○ Limiting all non-essential visitors to school.○ Postponing all non-essential events.○ Re-introducing remote learning for individual classes for 10 school days considered, as outlined on website.

The school will inform parents of any changes to Covid measures should these be needed and the Risk Assessment will continue to be reviewed regularly.