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Dear Parents/ Carers,

First of all, I want to say a massive thank you for everything you have all done this academic year and continue to do to keep our whole school community safe. I feel we have been extremely fortunate to have only had one case and only two bubbles needing to isolate in the last 18 months during school being fully open.

We are very much hoping that school life will return to some normality from September following the latest Government operational guidance but as we have seen many times in the past 18 months, things can change quite quickly.

Throughout this year we have recognised that some of our practices have been hugely beneficial to the children and their learning and so we will be keeping some measures in place. I have outlined below how school will run from September and will be in touch with you before we return on September 2nd should any of these measures need to change.

What are the drop off and pick up arrangements for my child?	<u>DROP OFF:</u> Gates will be open at 8:40am for all children and parents to enter the playground. All children will line up in front of the school mosaic in the playground; there will be pictures of each class animal clearly displayed to indicate where to line up. Teachers will collect their class ready to start learning at 8:50am , parents are then free to leave the site. For the first two weeks reception children in Otters and Hedgehogs will be able to go into class with their parents until they are settled. Nursery children to enter through the nursery gate which will be opened from 8:55 am at the front of the school near the black railings. <u>PICK UP:</u> 3:00pm – All children can be collected from their class 12noon OR 3pm Nursery children picked up from the nursery gate depending on your child's sessions.
Will the children be wearing uniform?	We ask that the children return in full school uniform. If you need new uniform this can be ordered online or there are Scholars and OHM clothing in Devizes.
Should the children bring in their PE Kits?	During lockdown the children came to school in their PE kits and this worked really well therefore we will continue this. Please see below the days that each class will be doing All classes will have PE on Tuesday and Friday. P.E- T- shirts can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2 PE will start week beg 6th September

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What equipment does my child need?	We ask that all children have a named water bottle and a small bag (book bag or small back pack) for any letters or books brought to school every day. We will provide all the equipment they need. No extra toys, books or other items should be brought in to school.
What will happen at lunchtime?	We have been advised that there is no need to have the children in 'bubbles' so mixing at play and lunchtimes will be allowed and encouraged between the classes. All children will be eating lunch in the hall, there will be staggered timings to ensure enough space for children to sit comfortably at a table.
What will happen if I need to speak to a member of staff?	If you need to speak with a member of staff then we would ask that you either call the school office (01380 723184) or email admin@southbroom-inf.wilts.sch.uk and someone will come back to you as soon as possible. Teachers will be available at the end of the school day but their priority is making sure the children get released safely so may not be able to speak to you straight away. Please feel free you use Seesaw if you need to communicate with the class teacher.
Will there be school events or class trips?	We are busy planning an exciting curriculum for next academic year and are delighted to be able to plan school trips and events again. Look out for your child's class newsletter and topic web which will be sent out in September, these will detail any upcoming trips or events for the term.
Will there be breakfast club and after school club?	We are also pleased that our breakfast and after school club will be reopening from 6th September for children in Reception to Year 2. These sessions are available to book on ParentPay now. Breakfast Club is from 7.50am to 8.50am and Afterschool club is available between 3pm to 6pm (5pm on Fridays) Please contact the office for further details
How will the classroom be organised?	As the guidance has changed with regards to bubbles and self-isolation, there will no longer be the need to have the classroom tables in rows as we have done this year. The classroom will be organised by the class teacher and will include the ability for small groups and individual support.
What cleaning procedures and hygiene rules will be in place?	The school will be deep cleaned in preparation for our return. The school will be cleaned regularly throughout the day and then a thorough clean will take place each evening. The children will be asked to wash their hands regularly and we will continue to have hand sanitiser readily available.
Can I wear a mask into school?	The wearing of masks will no longer be required however, if you wish to continue wearing them that is absolutely fine. Depending on guidance at the time, and if there are any local measures put in place, staff may wear face masks for everyone's safety.
Illness/ absence from school	If your child is unwell at home and you decide to keep them at home, we would ask that you inform us straight away. You can do this by calling in to the office and leaving a message on the answerphone or by emailing the office. If you suspect, they have Covid-19 we would ask that you ring the school immediately so that we can follow the steps outlined by Public Health England. If you believe your child may have Covid-19 you should organise for them to be tested as soon as possible. You must report the results to the school.
What will happen if someone becomes unwell?	We have created an isolation room in the school where a child will be moved to should they start to display symptoms. The staff member looking after them will wear full PPE and someone will contact you to come and collect your child. You should come to collect straight away. If you have more than one child, you will be asked to take all of your children home.

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	You will need to organise for your child to be tested. You will need to inform the school as soon as you have the test results. If the test results come back as negative your child can return to school once they are feeling better and the child's siblings can return straight away.
What will happen if someone tests positive for Covid?	The other members of the class will be informed in the event of a positive test. The school will ask Public Health England for advice, it is likely that the class will need to self-isolate depending on the guidance at the time.
What will happen if the school has to close again?	If this happens we will revert straight back to remote schooling.

Many thanks for your support during which has probably been the hardest and most challenging school year we have ever had!

We look forward to a more 'normal' school year from Thursday 2nd September! Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

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