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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was wonderful to welcome back all of our pupils last week – they all looked so smart in their new uniforms. The children have quickly adapted to working, eating and playing within their bubbles – they are a credit to you all. Thank you for supporting us as we try to navigate our way through these challenging times.

### **One Way System/ and Car Parking**

Please could we ask all parents/carers to make sure that they walk into the school site via the pedestrian gate and exit via the drive way gate to ensure that we have a one-way system.

The gate from Park House Garden is open to access the site but, due to its width, it can only be used as an entrance to the site. It **MUST NOT** be used as an exit. Unfortunately, if it is used incorrectly the gate will have to be closed. Please could you pass this information on to anyone who may be collecting your child from school.

Please could you avoid parking on the turning circle before **8:45** and at the end of the school day after **3 pm** as the school bus needs to be able to pull in to collect the children who bus in each day.

### **School Uniform Orders**

We are returning to ordering uniform through school rather than directly with our suppliers as this is a more cost effective method for parents. If you would like to place an order please make sure your order form has been sent/mailed to school by the morning of Friday **25<sup>th</sup> September**. Payment should be made at the time of ordering via ParentPay. Order forms can be downloaded from our website

<http://www.sherburnprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/20/2019/10/Border-Embroideries-order-form.pdf>

### **Tuck Shop**

Throughout the week we ask children to bring in healthy snacks for morning playtime, however, on Friday's we run a tuck shop. Usually Tuck Shop is run by our Year 6 pupils who collect in money on a weekly basis. Children are able to choose from a range of treats – crisps, chocolate, packets of sweets...

We can't collect in money at present, so instead if you would like your child to have tuck shop on a Friday please would you pay each half term on Parent Pay – the cost of Tuck Shop from w/b 14<sup>th</sup> September to half term is £1.80 (6 weeks).



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## **Breakfast Club and Tea Club**

Breakfast Club will begin again on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 8:00am. The cost is now £3 a day. Children attending Breakfast club should be brought to the main entrance. Children will sit in class bubbles and will be escorted to their classes at the appropriate time. If you are planning to send your child to Breakfast Club you need to book their place in advance by the **Thursday of the preceding week**. Please complete the form on the school website on a **weekly basis** and payment should be made in the usual way via Parent Pay.

Tea Club will also resume on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Tea Club costs £4 per session, the first session ends at 4:30pm and the second session ends at 5:45pm and 5:30 on a Friday, £8 for both sessions. All sessions must be booked in advance by the **Thursday of the preceding week**. Please complete the form on the school website on a **weekly basis** and payment should be made in the usual way via Parent Pay.

<http://www.sherburnprimary.durham.sch.uk/parents/wraparound-care/>

## **ClassDojo**

It is great to see that so many of you have already downloaded the ClassDojo App. It is a really effective way to send messages between home and school and to directly contact your child's teacher. If you haven't already done so please respond to the email sent to you by downloading the App, search for our school and then select your child. School will then ensure your child's account is set up.

## **School Attendance**

Following a prolonged break, it is common for colds and similar viral infections to circulate. In some cases, children will have very minor cold symptoms (slight runny nose) and will be able to attend school to continue their learning. In other cases, for instance where children have quite a heavy cold, they may need a few days off school to recover. Because of the current pandemic we are asking parents to err on the side of caution. This means that if your child is clearly not well they should stay away from school until they feel better.

**However, this is not the case for children with potential COVID-19 symptoms.**

It is important that we are all vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19 and understand what actions we should take if someone develops them, either at school or at home.

The main symptoms to be aware of are:

- New continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell



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If your child develops any of the above symptoms, they should self-isolate and you should book them a test as soon as possible at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

It is essential that people who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who are in a household with someone who has symptoms, do not attend school and must self-isolate with all members of the household. If the test is negative, self-isolation can end for everyone. If the test is positive, NHS Test and Trace will contact you to give you further advice.

In summary, if your child has cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, but **does not** have any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they do not need to be tested and they and you do not need to self-isolate. However, even if your child has no COVID-19 symptoms, they may still need to stay away from school for a few days if they are not fit to attend or may infect others.

If you are unsure of how to proceed regarding your child's health we would always advise you to seek medical advice from your GP or contact the NHS via **111.nhs.uk** or call **111**.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

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