



# **Class Information Booklet for 2020-2021**



## **Welcome to Year 2**

**I am Mrs Main, your new class teacher for September.  
I'm really looking forward to meeting my new class.**



**There will also be the following staff working with this class:**



**Mrs Peck**



**Mrs Grady**

**Who will be in your class?**

Limar

Khaled

Rakan

Hallie

Ellie

Isabella

Scarlett-Rose

Daniel

Lewis

Charlotte

Lexi

Jaiden

Tyra

Finlay

Adam

Thandanani

Daisy

Peyton

Dakota

Amelia

Mason

Sharlotte

Dainton

Alika

Emilie

Luke

Michael

### Your new classroom

This is what your new classroom will look like in September. The tables have to be in rows to start with to help us all stay safe. You will have your own equipment to use. There will also be a sanitisation station so that we can keep our hands clean.

Our classroom is located downstairs, close to the main entrance (where Y1/2 was last year).



### The School Day

Due to COVID-19, and in line with Government guidance, there will be four bubbles of children:

**Bubble 1:** Nursery and Reception

**Bubble 2:** Year 1 and Year 2

**Bubble 3:** Year 3, Year 3/4 and Year 4.

**Bubble 4:** Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6.

There should be no mixing of children between the bubbles so start times, finish times and break/lunch times will be slightly different. **Our class is in Bubble 2.** Timings for the school day are as follows:

**School starts at 9:25am**  
**Lunch time is 11.45am - 12.45pm**  
**School ends at 3.10pm**

Children will line up on spots on the KS1 yard – the 2 classes will be apart from each other. Classes will be taken in separately to provide time for the children to leave their coats in the cloakroom before entering the classroom. They will hang their coats on any peg (these will not be named) and sanitise hands inside the classroom. At home time, the children will stand on the spots in the school yard ready for dismissal. Teachers will work down the line so please wait patiently. A waiting zone for parents (created from tyres) will be at the bottom of the yard for drop off and pick up. Only one adult should drop off and pick up.

### Lunchtimes

If your child is not having a school dinner, you may provide your child with a packed lunch. Awards will be given out for healthy packed lunches. Children will have their lunch in the dining hall with the rest of their bubble. All tables and chairs will be thoroughly cleaned inbetween sittings.

### How will COVID-19 change things?

There are a number of things which have changed in accordance with the government guidance. These measures are designed to keep all children and staff safe. A full list of protocols can be found in the new Home School Agreement.

1. Children will need to have washed their hands before coming to school.
2. Children only bring to school their packed lunch (if they are not on dinners), a water bottle, their reading folder and a waterproof coat. Equipment such as pencil cases should not be brought to school – children will be given their own equipment.
3. The desks in the classroom will be positioned in rows so that all children can face the front.
4. Children will be asked to regularly wash and sanitise their hands.
5. Where possible, equipment will not be shared. Equipment will not be shared across bubbles at all.
6. PE, wherever possible, will be outside. Children should wear black trainers with their normal school uniform. (Normal PE kit will not be required until further notice)
7. Staff are advised to maintain social distancing between themselves and children/other adults.
8. Staff will wear PPE to administer First Aid.
9. Any children displaying symptoms will be brought to an isolation room. Parents/carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child. The child will then need to have a COVID-19 test. Further details on this can be found in the Home School Agreement.
10. Assemblies will be held in 'bubbles' – no whole school assemblies.
11. There is a one-way system around the school building.

### The Curriculum

At Simonside every Year 2 child has a daily maths, literacy and Phonics lesson. Literacy lessons involve the children developing their writing, reading, speaking and listening skills. The children also take part in drama activities to help stimulate ideas for written work. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books that link in with the topics for each half term.

A phonics session takes place daily and is tailored to the needs of the children. All staff in Key Stage 1 are involved in delivering these sessions.

In Year 2 the children have 4 numeracy lessons with the class teacher which involves all aspects of mathematics work including mental and written calculations.

Normally, for one maths session a week, the children have an Assertive Mentoring 'Big Maths' lesson. Here the children work with other children across the school who are working at the same level as them. All staff members across Key Stage 2 and Year 2 are involved in delivering these sessions. The children are often in much smaller groups in comparison to their normal class. The children are given a short test each week as part of these sessions. If they achieve 'green' standard (80% or above) three weeks running, the children are given the opportunity to move up into the next ability group. ***Big Maths will not be taught until the Government guidelines change regarding 'bubbles' of children related to COVID-19.***

Where possible we try to link topic work in with the other subjects the children are doing. In the Autumn term, for instance, the children will design and make superhero capes in DT based around our topic of Superheroes. Please have a look at our class blog and Class Dojo app as regularly as you can – we will keep you up to date on what we've been learning in class.

### **Will the curriculum be different following lockdown?**

We anticipate that children will need plenty of recap of basic skills in Literacy and Maths and so all planning will cater for this. There will also be a big focus on keeping fit and PHSCE (Personal, health, social, citizenship education).

## Year 2 Topic Themes:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Superheroes	Terrific Toys	Let's get Moving	Blast Off!	Global Gardeners	Ocean Commotion

### Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school office by 09.00am.

- ❖ Contact school as soon as possible to let us know the reason why your child is absent and how long they are likely to be off for.
- ❖ Without an explanation the absence will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED**.
- ❖ Children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness.
- ❖ Please arrange to take family holidays during school holidays. Permission will not be given for holidays during term time.
- ❖ Please try to organise all Dentist and non-urgent Doctors' appointments outside of school time. If you need to take your child out of school before 3.15pm, you will be required to fill in a form at the school office explaining the reason for the early collection.

### **Have the rules changed regarding attendance due to COVID-19?**

*From government guidance issued 2<sup>nd</sup> July:*

'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct'

### P.E.

Please note that children **SHOULD NOT** bring their PE kit into school until school advises parents to do so. This is because cloakrooms will not initially be used for children's belongings. Children should come to school in normal school uniform and black trainers.

This is the PE kit that will be needed once the guidelines have relaxed. All kit should be named.



### Homework

Children will be given a piece of literacy and maths homework each week. This work will be based on what we have done in class and will not be new to the children. Please support your child to complete their homework. The homework will be given out on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday. Children do not need to wait until **Wednesday** to hand their homework in and can bring it in as soon as it is completed. Please try to ensure that your child's homework is returned on time.

Children will bring home a reading book and this will be changed regularly – at least once each week. You can help your child by listening to them read and asking them questions about what they have read to help develop their comprehension skills.

### **Important days and dates for this academic year**

#### **Monday**

- Words to read/Spellings given out.

#### **Wednesday**

- Homework to be returned.

#### **Friday**

- Homework given out.
- Spelling test – we will inform you by Class Dojo when Spelling tests will begin in Year 2.

#### **Training Days**

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

February 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021





