


# Class Information Booklet for 2020-2021

# Welcome to Year 5/6

**I am Miss Todd, 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:**
**Miss Swales, Miss Atkinson and Mrs Davidson**







**Who will be in your class?**

Casey

Aisha

Daniel E

Jasmine

Steven H

Mohamed

Kaidyn

Daniel P

George

Mason

Robert

Maisie

Harley

Kevan

Finn

Adam

Kaden

Spencer

Oliur

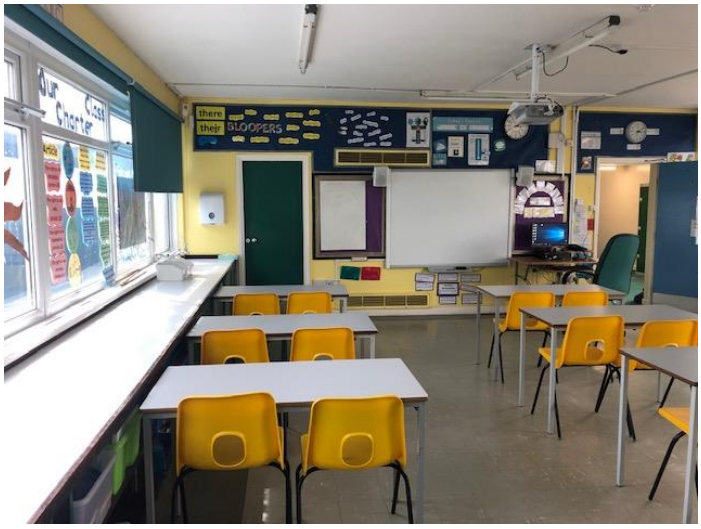
Tayla

Logan

## 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 (where Y6 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 4**. Timings for the school day are as follows:

# School starts at 8:45am
# Lunch time is 12.15-1.15pm
# School ends at 3.00pm

If possible, please drop your child off at the school gate when you arrive in the morning in order to minimise the number of parents and carers on the school yard. Your child will need to walk up to the KS2 yard and will be directed where to stand. Classes will stand on yellow spots 1m apart. When the whole class has arrived, the teacher will taken them inside. If you would like your child to walk home alone, please inform the office. If you are collecting your child, please wait behind the dotted line on the KS2 yard and the teachers will dismiss the children from the yellow spots. Only one adult should collect.

## Lunchtimes

School meals may be paid for one week in advance on a Monday morning. Money should be sent in an envelope with your child's name, class and amount. The cost of a lunch is £2.20 and is therefore £11.00 per week. Alternatively, you may provide your child with a packed lunch. Awards will be given out for healthy packed lunches! If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals please ask at the office. 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 5 and 6 child has a daily maths and literacy 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.

In Year 5 and 6 the children have 5 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, we will be reading Street Child and studying the Victorian artist, William

Morris. 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 antipicate 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 5 and 6 Topic Themes:

| Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
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| Victorians | WW2 | Mayans | The Water Cycle | Rivers | Trade |

## 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 2nd 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 guielines 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. It will be set at a level that children can access for themselves; they may need encouragement to do their homework but shouldn't need help to complete it. 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. Any child who does not hand in homework by the Wednesday, without a valid reason, will have a detention. This is to encourage independent learning and managing time to meet deadlines.

Spellings and times tables will usually be given out on a Monday and be tested on the Friday. Please help and encourage your child to learn these each week.

Children will bring home a reading book and should be changing it regularly- 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**

- Spellings/times tables given out.

**Wednesday**

- Homework to be returned.

**Friday**

- Homework given out.
- Spelling test.

**Training Days**

September 7th 2020
February 12th 2021
June 7th 2021