

Yox Valley Partnership



Southwold
Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID Reminders

We have had a wonderful start to the week with very high attendance and very enthusiastic children (and staff).

Now that we have started on the 'road to recovery', it is important to remember that we still have a long way to go and that we all need to be doing our bit to ensure the journey is smooth. It is very easy to become complacent as we focus on a post-covid world, but there are many people still very anxious about the months ahead.

I would like to remind you that even though children have returned to school, we are all still required to follow government social distancing rules, and this includes when you are dropping off and picking up your children.

Obviously the journey to and from school is considered essential but the government 'stay at home' rule remains in place and we should all be spending as little time as possible on the street.

Masks are advised where social distancing outdoors cannot be achieved; we are unable to enforce mask wearing on the public highway but we do recommend it. Schools are still not able to invite parents into the school building, but any essential visitors to school must wear a face covering; this includes playgrounds/car parks and applies to all visitors to the site. Staff and pupils may choose whether to wear face coverings although this is not recommended for primary schools by PHE.

We are still encouraging as much ventilation and fresh air as possible, so please ensure every child comes to school with an appropriate coat, especially when it is wet. We very much work to the mantra 'there is no such thing as wet play – just inappropriate clothing' and in this current situation we want children to be outside as much as possible.

Many thanks again for all your support during this pandemic and for doing all you can to keep everyone safe in our schools, and in our communities.

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